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$102M compromise budget bill

» House, Senate set 5 pm sessions today

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
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REPORTER

After four days of working together from morning to early evening, an eight-member conference committee pre-filed late yesterday afternoon a $102-million compromise budget bill that will pave the way for the House and Senate to act on the fiscal year 2012 spending bill at 5pm today.

Among other things, the conferees led by Rep. Ray Basa (Cov-Saipan) and Sen. Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota) agreed to give the Public School System $30 million and the Northern Marianas College $5.2

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COMPROMISE BUDGET

Conference Committee Report on the $102 million fiscal year 2012 budget bill:

- $30 million, Public School System
- $5.2 million, Northern Marianas College
- $78,000, individual lawmakers' annual allocation
- $138,000 each, Senate and House leadership allocation
- $28.330 million, Executive Branch
- $5.448 million, Legislature
- $4 million, Judiciary
- $4.544 million, Rota
- $4.544 million, Tinian
- $1.439 million, Saipan and Northern Islands

CORAL REEF MONITOR

NOAA

An installation team secures shackles on the new CREWS station that was recently installed in Laolao Bay. The new station is a first-of-its-kind for the Pacific region and joins a network of other monitoring stations that help scientists conserve, protect, and manage reef ecosystems.

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CHAMBER SURVEY:

NO to Saipan casino, YES to Article 12 abolition

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A survey conducted by the Saipan Chamber of Commerce among its members showed that most survey participants reject a proposal to legalize casino gaming on Saipan, while most support the abolition of Article 12 of the CNMI Constitution, which restricts land ownership to persons of Northern Marianas descent.

These were two issues that are being discussed and proposed in the Legislature.

But of the 150 Chamber members, only 45 or a little less than a third responded to the two questions.

In a statement, the Chamber quoted its board of directors as saying that the poll does not represent a majority of the Chamber membership, "but does indicate the opinion of those that chose to respond to the secure and anonymous survey polling system."

These questions were: (1) Are you in favor of legalized casino gambling on the island of Saipan, CNMI? and (2) Are you in favor of abolishing Article

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'Pointless issues further shorten Fund's lifespan'

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Issues surrounding the newly enacted Derivative Beneficiaries Act are further shortening the predicted three-year lifespan of the NMI Retirement Fund, according to the beleaguered pension program's investment consultant.

Wilshire Associates principal Maggie Ralbovsky described the impact of Public Law 17-51 and other "attention diverters" as factors

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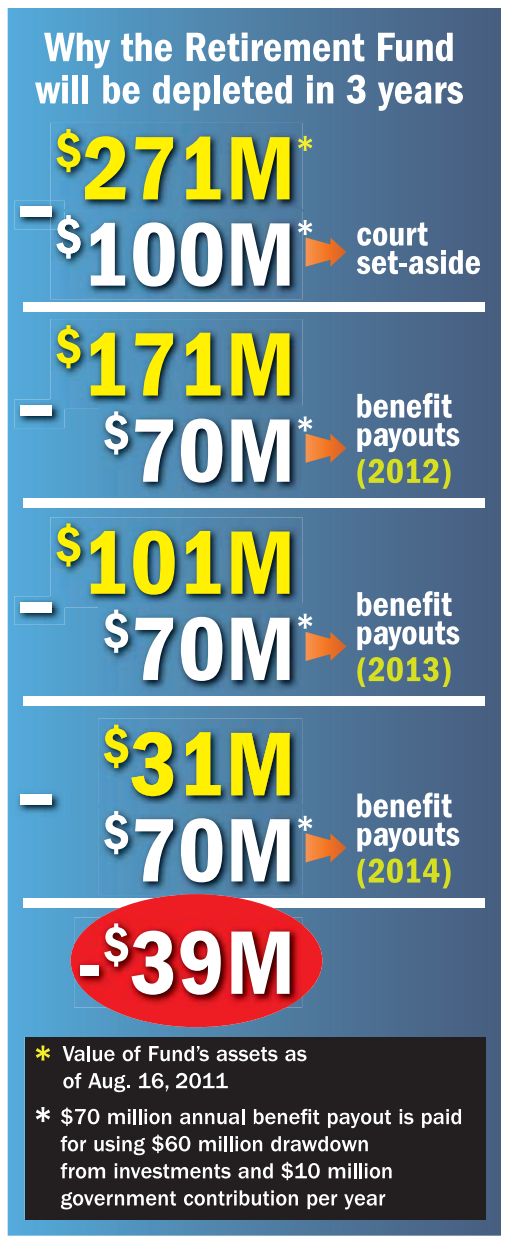
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* Value of Fund's assets as of Aug. 16, 2011
* $70 million annual benefit payout is paid for using $60 million drawdown from investments and $10 million government contribution per year

Source: Wilshire Associates
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Local

Laolao Bay road project completed

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A ribbon cutting ceremony marked the completion of the Division of Environmental Quality's Laolao Bay Drive road construction project intended to reduce erosion and sedimentation in one of the island's valuable marine ecosystems.

The road construction project is only one of the many components of the $2.7-million Laolao Bay Road and Coastal Management Improvement Plan funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration through an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grant.

Acting governor Eloy S. Inos and DEQ director Frank Rabauliman led other local and federal officials in the ceremony held yesterday at a little past the entrance to the newly built road that measures 2,100 feet—about four-tenths of a mile.

Rabauliman said that erosion and sedimentation have continued to threaten the corals at Laolao Bay, a "very sensitive marine ecosystem" that is a popular fishing site among residents and a favorite diving spot for tourists.

This prompted DEQ to embark "on a rather ambitious undertaking" in 2009 by applying for the competitive grant that saw 800 applicants nationwide.

"Months of grant writing efforts back and forth, discussions with our grantor, fortunately for us resulted in a little less than $3 million of grant award," said Rabauliman, noting that DEQ was among the 50 recipients of the stimulus grant.

The project involved the construction of the road, road curbs, and railings, following a design that allows for surface runoff to collect in about five underground catchment systems for transfer to the three-part mini dam before the water goes to a gabion where it is filtered and flows back to a stream and into the bay.

Tim Lang, project manager for the Laolao Bay Drive Road & Coastal Management Improvement Plan, said the challenges they encountered included flocks of nesting terns and notties that were found at the lower part of the road.

Another significant challenge, Lang said, was the narrow right of way, which was only 20 feet wide against the normal width of 40 feet.

"Normally on a road like this on Saipan, you'll see frequently that the runoff goes on a channel on the side of the road. We didn't have a room for that so there are drainage pipes that run below the road from top to bottom and that just increases the amount of work and increases the degree of difficulty," he explained.

In his remarks, Inos said the completion of the $1.4-million project will benefit not just the environment but residents as well.

"Because of the newly paved road here, sedimentation that is usually caused by the erosion of unpaved access roads will be drastically reduced. So not only will this go a long way in protecting our marine environment, but residents and visitors to this area will appreciate the improvements to the road as well," he said.

James P. Wright, NOAA environmental engineer, welcomed the completion of the road construction that he described as a "community project."

Wright said actual construction of the road by project contractor GPPC, Inc. began in December 2010.

"We have finished it within our allotted budget and just about within the schedule which is a difficult thing to do given that we're so, so far away but we were able to do that because we worked closely with very talented people you have here on the island and that's why it's really been a success," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

According to Wright, the project is "very crucial" due to the sediments that are being washed into Laolao Bay, settling into

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ERRATUM

In the story "Management transition announced at FHB" that was published in the Sept. 22, 2011, edition of the *Saipan Tribune*, the caption incorrectly identified the third picture on right as Bob Harrison. That should have been Ray Ono. Our apologies.

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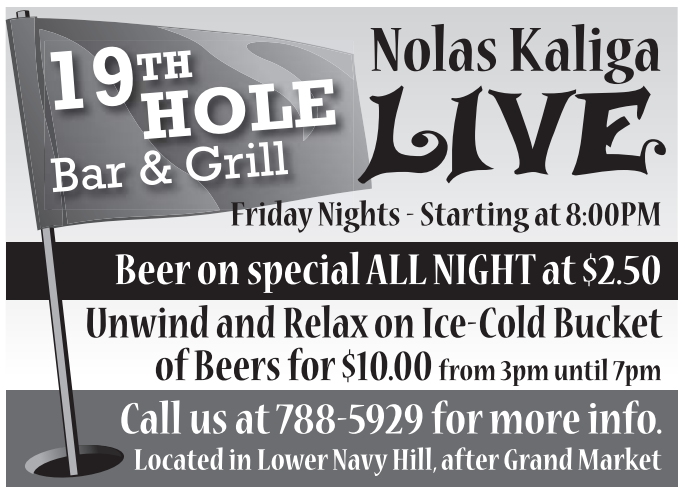
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AGO to 'review' KKMP's alleged free access to EMO tower

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The Office of the Attorney General is "reviewing" KKMP Radio's alleged free access to the Emergency Management Office's tower while other radio stations pay between $2,500 and $4,000 a month for the same access, responding to Rep. Joseph Palacios' (R-Saipan) request for an investigation into the matter.

Palacios, in an interview yesterday, said he finds it "disturbing" that EMO is giving special treatment to KKMP, if it is indeed true that KKMP is not paying anything to the government for access to the EMO tower.

Attorney General Ed Buckingham also asked Public Auditor Mike Pai whether the Office of the Public Auditor would like to proceed on this matter "jointly" or if he would prefer that OAG and OPA proceed separately in a review of these matters.

Palacios wrote a Sept. 20 letter to EMO director Joaquin P. Omar, inquiring about the arrangement between KKMP and EMO.

"I find this disturbing most especially during the time when the CNMI government is struggling for funding. It's nearly a year now since KKMP has been on air and pays nothing to the CNMI government, while radio stations Magic 100, KCNM AM and KZMI FM, Power 99 and The KAT had to pay monthly fees anywhere from $2,500 and $4,000, not to mention other expense that they incurred to maintain the surrounding of their tower and its operation via diesel fuel, etc.," Palacios told Omar, who couldn't be reached for comment yesterday.

KKMP owners Rosemond Santos and Garry Sword did not return calls for comment.

The Fitial administration also has yet to confirm whether the allegations are true.

In Palacios' letter to Omar, copies of which were also furnished to Buckingham, Pai and acting governor Eloy S. Inos, the lawmaker suggests that if the EMO director is giving "freebies" to only one company, then he has to extend the same courtesy to others.

"They too are struggling and are in dire need of assistance from us. But if you are not, then I strongly recommend that you cease this kind of practice because we are sending the wrong kind of signals to the business community. KKMP must pay the CNMI government from the time they went on air to include diesel and other cost of maintaining the EMO tower and its surrounding," he added.

KKMP is an AM station simulcasting on FM and airs mainly island music. It broadcasts on 92.1FM on Saipan and Tinian, and on 1440AM on Rota and the Northern Islands.

Palacios also asked about an alleged EMO and KZMI agreement.

"Other matter was raised reference to KZMI FM who also owe EMO a good chunk of dollars and yet EMO and KZMI are proposing to offset via radio commercial while the rest of the radio companies have to pay. Again, this I find disturbing and unfair for the mere fact that the CNMI government is broke," he added.

Jury deliberations begin in Reksid case

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Federal jurors began deliberations yesterday in the trial of former Department of Public Lands special assistant to the secretary Franz B. Reksid who allegedly accepted a bribe to broker a federally funded project for a private company.

U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting judge Michael Ponsor excused the jurors at 4:30pm yesterday and instructed them to resume their deliberations today, Friday.

Reksid is facing one count of bribery concerning a program receiving federal funds. Both prosecution and the defense counsels completed their closing arguments yesterday.

Assistant U.S. attorney Eric O'Malley said the $3,000 that Reksid received from contractor John Scott was not a loan.

"It wasn't a loan, but it was repaid. It was repaid with favors," O'Malley said.

Defense attorney Mark Hanson said the 70-year-old Reksid never tried to bribe anyone, including Scott. "You must find Franz Reksid not guilty," he told the 14 jurors.

O'Malley said that on Feb. 12, 2009 the defendant, who was the DPL's then project manager for the unexploded ordnance cleanup project in Marpi, asked $3,000 from Scott and it is a fact that Scott gave the money to him.

O'Malley said on that same day, Feb. 12, 2009, the old contract with Scott's All-Hazard Management Professionals Inc. had expired and there was no contract yet for the $200,000 phase 3 cleanup.

Reksid, the prosecutor said, was in a position to help and Feb. 12, 2009, was the perfect day to hit Scott for the money.

"The defendant abused his position. He abused the public trust for his personal benefit," O'Malley said.

He cited a change order that Reksid submitted to then DPL secretary John DelRosario that extends the time for the project. Reksid recommended that the change order be approved so the contract may proceed. DelRosario signed the change order thinking it was only for an extension of time.

O'Malley noted that the signatory page in the 2009 amended contract that Reksid gave to DelRosario is a photocopy of the 2007 contract. The 2007 contract was in the amount of $297,152 and the 2009 contract was for $497,152—a difference of $200,000, according to O'Malley.

O'Malley said that Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos testified that the amended contract was never sent to the Department of Finance where he served then as secretary.

Scott earlier testified that he gave Reksid $3,000 as a loan but admitted that he never got the money back.

Hanson said that Reksid did not solicit a bribe from Scott but borrowed money from him.

Hanson said the $500,000 figure for the entire project was decided in 2007 so everything was planned that period by a committee and not by Reksid. The changes, Hanson said, were needed so AMPRO could complete the job needed to do.

"After deliberating, you will come with a conclusion: Franz Reksid is innocent," Hanson told the jurors.

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and harming the corals, especially during heavy rains. "We believe that we've put at least a partial stop to that by doing this."

Rabauliman said a pre-biological assessment of the bay had been conducted to establish the baseline of its overall health and condition, with plans to conduct a post-biological assessment "years from now" to see if changes are observed.

CLARISSA V. DAVID

Acting governor Eloy S. Inos, fourth from left, and Division of Environmental Quality director Frank Rabauliman, third right, lead the local and federal officials in the ribbon cutting ceremony that marked the completion of the Laolao Bay road construction project, one of the components of the $2.7 million Laolao Bay Drive Road & Coastal Management Improvement Plan funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration through an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grant. Joining the two are, from left, Department of Public Works secretary Martin Sablan, GPPC representative Diego Blanco, DEQ Nonpoint Source Pollution Program manager Fran Castro, Rep. Arnold Palacios, Department of Community and Cultural Affairs deputy secretary Rhonda Nogis, NOAA project manager Jason Manthey, and NOAA environmental engineer James P. Wright.

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12 of the CNMI Constitution, allowing for the sale of privately owned property?

Of the 45 respondents, 60 percent or 27 Chamber members voted against casino gaming on Saipan, while 40 percent or 18 were in favor of it.

About 75.5 percent of the 45 respondents or 34 of the Chamber members were in favor of abolishing Article 12, while 24 percent or 11 were not in favor of abolishing it.

The Chamber survey was conducted through surveymonkey.com, and was initiated as a way for Chamber leadership to respond to requests by lawmakers on the issues once Chamber membership opinion was assessed.

The Chamber has received requests from the House of Representatives to comment on casino gaming, and from both the House and Senate concerning a constitutional amendment to vote to continue or repeal Article 12.

House Local Bill 17-44, which legalizes casino gaming on Saipan, was passed by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation and is awaiting action by the governor.

When asked for comment on the results of the Chamber survey, Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan), author of HLB 17-44, said "the Chamber is not feeling the suffering" of the people during these tough economic times.

"Screw them," Torres said.

Acting governor Eloy S. Inos, in a separate interview, said the governor has until early October to act on Torres' local casino bill.

Northern Marianas College students under the Current Issues class of Sam McPhetres have also tentatively set a Nov. 4 date for a survey among registered voters on their views about legalizing casino gaming on Saipan. The Senate, which killed a House bill legalizing casino on Saipan, wants the decision to rest with voters but because a Senate proposal to hold a special election on the issue has yet to get the House's nod, senators sought the help of NMC for a survey.

HLB 17-7, meanwhile, has just been introduced by House minority leader Joseph Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan). It seeks to repeal Article 12.

Another Senate legislative initiative—SLI 17-10—is pending, which also asks people to vote to continue, or repeal, Article 12.

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million so both could meet their federal maintenance-of-efforts requirements.

One of the changes from the previous day is the 29 lawmakers' annual allocation from $72,000 as agreed upon on Wednesday, to $78,000 yesterday.

This is the same allocation that lawmakers are currently getting, but may be subjected to cuts down the road. The Senate earlier zeroed out this account, along with the Senate and House leadership accounts.

Conferees agreed to reinstate a $138,000 leadership account for the House and Senate. They also agreed to give the Legislative Bureau $1,441,764, as the Senate had proposed.

The committee also cut the Executive Branch's funding to over $28.33 million, from over $29 million in the House and Senate versions of the budget bill.

Shutdown now unlikely

If the House and Senate pass the budget bill during their back-to-back sessions today, the bill will make its way to the governor's desk this weekend for action and prevent another partial government shutdown on Oct. 1.

Acting governor Eloy S. Inos said the administration won't need several days to review the budget bill since it has been closely monitoring the progress made by the conference committee on the bill.

Conferees asked Inos to join them a few times in their meetings this week to provide clarification and seek input on some items in the budget.

Sen. Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota), in an interview yesterday, said that by working together, the conferees were able to complete a report in four days, hoping that the House and Senate will pass the compromise budget bill.

"We will have a timely budget for fiscal year 2012… We learned from experience [of last year]," Taimanao told *Saipan Tribune*.

Rep. Ray Basa (Cov-Saipan) and Taimanao, along with six other conferees, pre-filed Conference Committee Report 17-6 late yesterday afternoon, recommending passage of House Bill 17-215, House Substitute 1, House Draft 5, Senate Substitute 1, Conference Committee Substitute 1.

Basa earlier said every conferee went into the meeting with the goal of not only passing a balanced budget, but also a one that will prevent a shutdown.

Besides Basa and Taimanao, the other conferees are Senate vice president Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian), floor leader Pete Reyes (R-Saipan), Sen. Ralph Torres (R-Saipan), Rep. Rafael Demapan (Cov-Saipan), Rep. Fred Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), and Rep. Sylvester Iguel (Cov-Saipan).

The House passed Basa's budget bill on Aug. 31. The Senate passed a substitute budget bill on Sept. 13 that the House rejected, referring the bill to a conference committee.

Other changes

Conferees agreed to earmark not less than $500,000 for NMC collected from the $150 CNMI education funding fee under U.S. Public Law 110-229. This is paid by employers for every foreign worker hired.

They gave the Marianas Visitors Authority $2.175 million, but agreed that House Bill 17-179, which sits in the Senate, should be passed to give additional funding to MVA. This bill seeks to charge passengers from non-U.S. destinations a new $15 "travel promotion fee" and provide tourism incentive to those bringing in additional tourists to the CNMI from Asian destinations. Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) said the Senate is poised to pass this bill today.

Conferees also agreed to reallocate Office of the Public Auditor funds derived from the general fund.

The Judiciary's budget remains at $4 million.

The Executive Branch's budget as proposed by the conferees is $28.330 million, while the Legislature, $5.448 million.

Rota's budget is over $4.544 million, the same as Tinian.

Conferees increased Saipan's budget to over $1.439 million.

They also gave the Commonwealth Election Commission an increased funding of $265,866.

Conferees went with the Senate's earlier proposal to increase Joeten-Kiyu Public Library's funding to $217,299 and give $10,000 for judgments.

They also retained the Senate's proposal to reduce to $12,000 the funding for the Micronesian Legal Services, and increase the funding for Medical Referral to over $2.321 million.

Conferees also honored the Senate's provision to provide a $77,162 funding for substance abuse prevention.

They also increased by three the number of personnel allowed for government corporations, including an increase of two for the NMI Retirement Fund and one for the Public Utilities Commission.

Rep. Joseph Palacios (R-Saipan) said he's glad that the conferees were able to reach a compromise on the budget.

"If the House and Senate pass them Friday or Saturday, I don't think the administration will take days to also act on it because the acting governor has been working closely with the conferees on the budget," he said in an interview yesterday.

Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan) said it's good to know that the conferees did not take much time come up with a budget. Torres introduced a 2012 budget measure in the form of a local bill.

Without a budget bill passed and signed before the start of the fiscal year on Oct. 1, the shutdown provision of the Constitution will kick in.

POINTLESS

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in the expected increase in the Fund's operating costs.

"I really hope the people of the CNMI can understand that every day the investment program is crippled is a day wasted out of the precious three years and may eventually shorten the expected life of the Fund," she told *Saipan Tribune* in an email yesterday.

Based on the current assets of the program, it is projected that the pension plan has only a three-year lifespan or until 2015.

As of Aug. 16, the Fund had $271.2 million in total investments, of which $100 million has been set aside by a court order as a reserve fund for active members who are still contributing to the plan and for those who retired but have yet to collect their pensions. Although the $100 million will not be placed in a separate account, the amount is not authorized for uses for any other purposes.

That leaves the Fund with only $171 million available for investments and payments for pension members.

Ralbovsky disclosed that the Fund's annual payout to its members reaches $70 million per year, with $10 million of that sourced from the government's contribution to the Fund and $60 million from the Fund's investment.

"Payments are due to accelerate to $70 million per year, with $10 million per year in government contribution and some investment returns to cover part of payments, the drawdown is expected at $60 million per year," she explained.

This means that the projected drawdown in three years will amount to $180 million—a figure greater than the available assets of $171 million.

In order for the pension plan to keep afloat in the next 10 years, Ralbovsky said the government needs to put in $58 million in employer contribution each year in 10 years. Restructuring or cutting the pension benefits of members by 50 percent and increasing the government remittance each year are other immediate ways to extend the Fund's projected three-year lifespan.

Factors in calculation

When asked about the factors used when calculating the projected amounts, Ralbovsky said that Wilshire considered the projected investment return, which would have been higher had the strategy it recommended had been enforced. However, with the resignation of several money managers, she said that strategy cannot be implemented.

Wilshire, which also terminated its contract with the Fund, will assist the Fund until Oct. 8 during the transition.

"We expected the investment program to earn an average 4 percent per year in the glide path strategy [in its remaining life along the current trajectory] after consultant and manager fees," she said.

But given that the program is now not invested as planned due to contract cancellations, she said her best guess is that the investment program will earn around only 1 to 2 percent unless a quick resolution is reached on Public Law 17-51 so the Fund can contract with new managers to fulfill the investment program.

"It is sad that precious time out of the remaining three years will have to be wasted. I had hoped that the community can come together to endorse restructuring and to push back timing of benefit payments—this will earn investment time horizon for the Fund and lengthen the Fund's life," she told *Saipan Tribune*, adding that with the diverted attention, the real goal of lengthening life of the Fund is not being attended to—another side effect of Public Law 17-51.

"Our estimates included all factors, excluding Fund operating expenses, which is growing due to additional needs now for lawyers, re-issuing RFPs and sourcing service providers—then new service providers will need time to ramp up services and this is additional time wasted," she added.

Fund administrator Richard Villagomez earlier disclosed that the agency has 27 employees and pays $1.2 million yearly in personnel costs, including benefits, health, and life insurances. For money managers, service fees amounted to about $2 million, including the professional fee for its actuarial consultant, Buck Consultants. The Fund pays Wilshire $195,000 per year of service.

OAG says man's police brutality claims vs DPS is fatally defective

The claims of a man who filed a police brutality complaint against the Department of Public Safety and a former police officer are "fatally defective" so DPS should be dismissed from this lawsuit, according to the Office of the Attorney General.

In DPS' motion to dismiss, assistant attorney general David Lochabay said that Jin Dong Wang failed to plead sufficient factual allegations suggesting that DPS is liable for the injuries he suffered.

Jin Dong Wang, through counsel Robert J. O'Connor, sued former police officer Jesse Dubrall for assault and battery, false arrest, emotional distress, violation of civil rights, and negligence.

Wang alleged that Dubrall hit him with a gun's butt and repeatedly kicked him after mistaking him for another person that police were trying to arrest.

Wang, a Chinese national, also sued DPS for negligence and violation of civil rights and former DPS commissioner Santiago F. Tudela for violation of civil rights and negligence.

Wang is demanding at least $100,000 in damages and wants the court to direct DPS to implement procedures to prevent the use of excessive force, and assault of arrested persons in the future.

In DPS' motion, Lochabay also argued that DPS is a line agency of the Executive Branch of the CNMI government so it cannot sue or be sued in its own name. Instead, the Commonwealth should be substituted as the real party in interest, he added.

He pointed out that the lack of any factual allegations suggesting negligence on the part of the Commonwealth means that the complainant cannot survive a motion to dismiss.

Lochabay said that Wang has alleged no facts that Dubrall's illegal act was the result of any DPS training policy. "For this reason, this claim should be dismissed," he said.

Attorney Robert O'Connor, counsel for Wang, his client suffered severe injuries on his head, abdomen, buttocks and legs. "He felt dizzy, weak, and nauseous." Wang also reportedly suffered concussions, blurred vision, and post-traumatic nightmares. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Changes in CNMI scholarship awards in the offing

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The newly appointed administrator of the CNMI Scholarship Office said that changes in the office's existing policies are in the offing due to the government's dwindling financial state.

Like the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance program, the Scholarship Office will be implementing cuts in its grant awards to ensure the program's continuity, said Jackie Che.

"It is now obvious that as our government continues to grapple with crippling budget shortfalls and the cost of education continues to rise, there will be fewer funds to subsidize tuition costs for more students who expect our financial aid. At this point, CNMI Scholarship is being re-evaluated to cope with the changing economic realities in such a way that our students' prospects…are preserved," Che told *Saipan Tribune*.

Che

The NMI Scholarship Office functions under the Office of the Governor. Its primary mission is to provide financial assistance to eligible students pursuing college.

Unlike SHEFA, which is under the Mayor's Office and is funded by revenue collected from poker machines and licenses, the Scholarship Office gets direct government appropriation. From a $4 million budget in fiscal year 2006, its allocation has declined to just $2 million in fiscal year 2011.

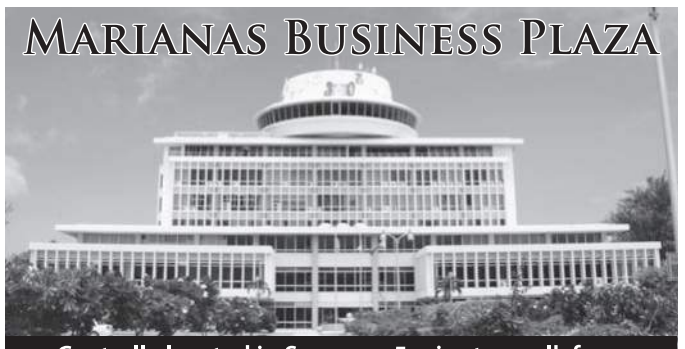
Saipan Tribune learned that almost half of that $2 million goes to the Honors Scholarship Program, whose scholars receive up to $15,000 a year. The rest goes to recipients of the Educational Assistance Program, whose beneficiaries receive $1,200 each.

"There is a critical need to weigh the program in terms of the capability of our government if it will continue to be a value asset to our students. Our board is currently developing a new comprehensive plan to address these changes and to ensure that scholarships are used efficiently and effectively," Che said.

She pointed out, though, that these changes may take effect in the next semester.

"No final changes to our program have been made, however, until approved—and that won't occur until the end of this year [just in time for the next spring term]," she added.

It was earlier reported that since the program's inception, it has recorded over $4 million in collectibles from default scholars, of which only about 20 percent has been repaid. Default scholars are those students who failed to fulfill their agreement with the scholarship office such as who did not complete their studies and those who did not come back to work on island.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PSS: No falsification in Alpino's transcripts, records

» Sablan says Scholarship Office, PSS each have their own criteria, policies

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A Public School System investigation on the grades of 2011 Rota High School valedictorian Katelyn Alpino concluded that there was no falsification or manipulation of records that could have resulted in the CNMI Scholarship Office denying her application for financial aid.

In a Sept. 20 letter to Katelyn's father, Arthur Alpino, Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan said the RHS honors committee carefully reviewed the transcripts of all honor students and made the selection of the valedictorian based on PSS and Board of Education policies.

"The records of your daughter's transcript submitted to the CNMI Scholarship Committee were not falsified, but [are the] actual copy of the official grades earned and attained by your daughter during her enrollment at Rota High School," said Sablan in her letter.

Sablan said the selection of the honor students was in compliance with PSS regulations and policies.

The elder Alpino, in an Aug. 26 letter to Sablan, alleged that his daughter's records were falsified to disqualify her from the scholarship grant.

Katelyn Alpino, who graduated valedictorian from Rota High School in June, had applied for an honors scholarship with the CNMI Scholarship Office but was denied due to a low grade point average. What surprised the Alpino family was that both second and third honors got the scholarship awards. Based on PSS policy, the valedictorian has the highest GPA.

Mr. Alpino expressed dissatisfaction with PSS' findings, citing the inadequate explanation and analysis of his daughter's grades compared to the two other honor students who came next to her. He hinted that the family is thinking of pursuing legal action.

According to Sablan, PSS and the CNMI Scholarship Office are two separate and independent entities. Hence, their policies may not necessarily conform with each other.

"This is one area where our criteria are not aligned and PSS has no say on how the CNMI Scholarship Committee decides what criteria to use for their honor scholarship eligibility," added Sablan.

Katelyn Alpino is now enrolled at Philadelphia University, taking up a pre-medicine course. Due to the unexpected denial of her scholarship application this fall semester, she was forced to apply for a student loan to continue her studies.

Alpino

In an interview last week, Katelyn said she is worried about her future and is being distracted from her studies.

"It was really surprising to find out about this. They said I was denied because of my low GPA and I was the class valedictorian. I don't understand this at all. It affects my plans in a big way because this scholarship plays a big role with how I am supposed to fund my college education. I personally feel as if I was deprived of this and I hope that there is an investigation about this because it's unfair," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

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Network provider IT&E is sending two individuals from Saipan to Guam to watch a concert and have dinner with famous Filipino personalities through its Kababayan Jam Flyaway promotion.

IT&E's Norman del Rosario said that Yuki Pineda and *Saipan Tribune* reporter Moneth Deposa will be meeting with Pokwang, Coco Martin, and Cristine Reyes for the *Kababayan Jam 2011: Handog Saya sa Pinoy* to be held at the Micronesia Mall Center Court on Sept. 25.

Del Rosario said the names of the two winners, each of whom can bring one person of their choice to the event for free, were drawn on Sept. 19 at the IT&E Chalan Laulau Office.

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Del Rosario said close to 700 coupons were received for the short promo.

"It was a great turnout especially since this is just a short promo," he told *Saipan Tribune*. "IT&E thanks all those who joined this promotion. Rest assured that we will have more promotions for them."

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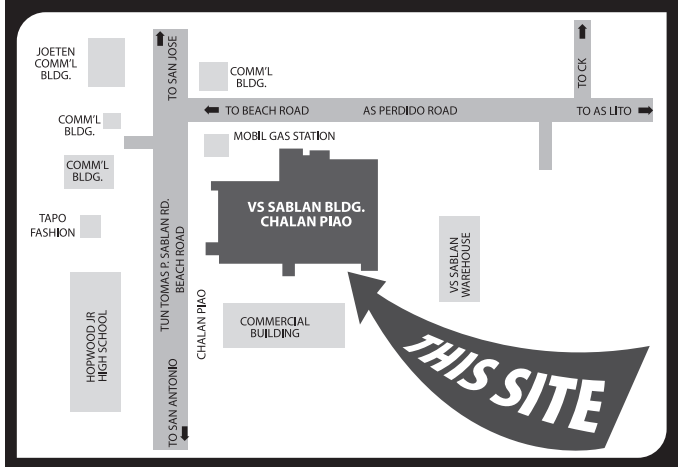

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Blue Water Homes eyes 3 three alternate sites

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A representative of Blue Water Homes LLC disclosed that they are looking at the option of relocating the project site to any of three alternative sites for the affordable housing project that is currently being eyed in Chalan Piao.

Michael S. Sablan, however, declined to identify these sites in a phone interview.

Blue Water Homes is the second affordable housing project that applied for and was approved under the Low Income Housing Tax Credit program of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The $30-million project involves the construction of 80 two-, three-, and four-bedroom units in a 98-foot building south of Chalan Kanoa Beach Club.

When asked if the alternative sites were a result of the opposition by a group of landowners and heirs, Sablan replied: "No."

Some 16 landowners and heirs around the project area belonging to the Tamat-Cabrera clan is opposed to the housing project. The group said they support "controlled development" in that area, currently zoned as "tourist resorts" and allows the construction of high-rise buildings.

Sablan disclosed that they were already looking at alternative sites when they were approached by a representative of one of the three families with whom they already secured a land lease for the construction of Blue Water Homes.

"They were the ones who introduced us to the Chalan Piao site. We have the support of those families who have agreed to lease their land to us," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune*.

According to Sablan, they are now finalizing the lease negotiation with the last landowner to complete all four lots needed for the housing project.

"We've already provided all requirements to all permitting agencies we're working with except for that final lease negotiation," he added.

Sablan assured that the Blue Water Homes project will not spoil the beauty of Tamat Beach. He cited the case of the beach behind Aquarius Beach Towers, which he said has been maintained by the hotel management and is frequented more by residents and tourists since the hotel was built.

"Even if we are not required, we will maintain that beach," said Sablan, adding that they will make sure to follow all laws and regulations pertinent to their affordable housing project wherever the location might be.

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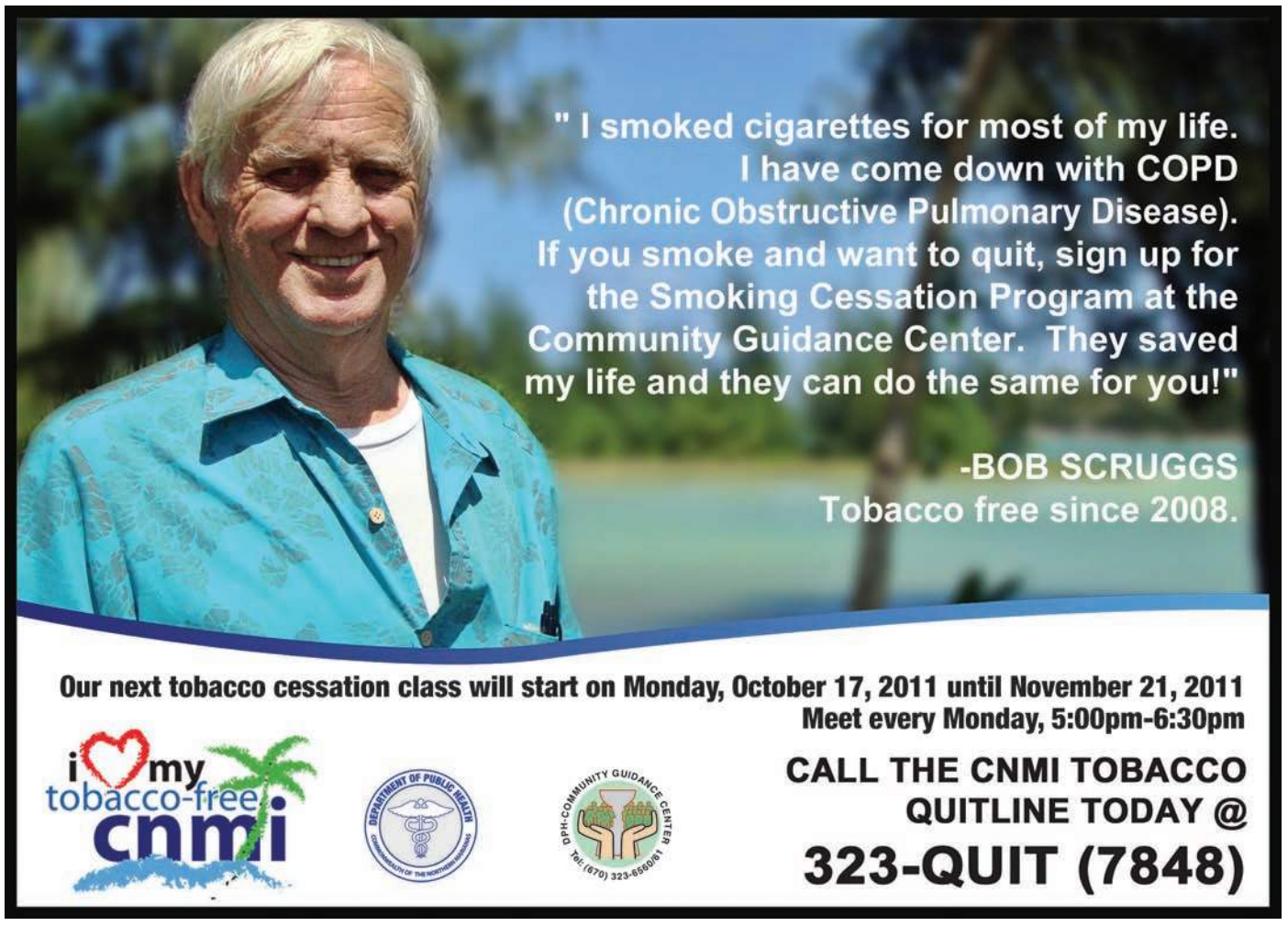
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Sept. 23, 1999

US gives back Tinian land to CNMI

The U.S. Navy turns over today to the CNMI government more than 5.2-million square meters of land on Tinian which will be used for the expansion of its airport. A brief turnover ceremony will be held on Tinian in the presence of Lt. Gov. Jesus R. Sablan and Commonwealth Ports Authority officials. The Division of Public Lands earlier approved a conditional conveyance of certain U.S. military lands to the ports authority for the expansion of West Tinian Airport. Under the turnover agreement, CPA would allow the US military to use the airport and give it landing rights.

HANMI: We did our best

Although the CNMI was able to drum up support in its campaign against federal takeover during the recent U.S. Congressional hearing in Washington, Hotel Association of Northern Mariana Islands president Ron Sablan said it is still too early to declare victory. "However, I do believe we did our best and we told our side of the story in a convincing way," he said. According to Sablan, the CNMI government and the business community presented a united stand built on solid facts to back up all the arguments against the federalization of local labor and immigration.

Sept. 23, 2002

CUC offers water training to community

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. is willing to hold water training sessions for both public and private groups as part of its mandate to promote water education in the CNMI. CUC, according to its corporate communications special advisor, Pamela Mathis, can hold trainings for adults and children from different groups such as churches, clubs and associations. "Facilitators conduct trainings, whether it's a church group, teachers, staff, boy scouts, girl scouts," she said. She said facilitators use Project WET materials, which include a set of reference workbooks that show the relevance of water to everyday life. A session normally lasts up to six hours.

Atalanta/Sosnoff gives $5K to Club 200

Atalanta/Sosnoff Capital Corp. again showed its strong support of the Northern Mariana Island Chapter of the American Red Cross this year by contributing $5,000 to the Club 200 event. Atalanta/Sosnoff is one of the major financial investment managers for the NMI Retirement Fund, as well as other accounts in Guam and Micronesia. It handles the Fund's investments in the Asian markets. "We are impressed by the meaningful services provided by the ARC NMI Chapter in their efforts to benefit the people of the Northern Mariana Islands," said Atalanta/ Sosnoff senior vice president Jim Staub. He also stated that his company feels it is important to give back to the communities where they do business.

Sept. 23, 2003

NMIRF asks House for $76.3M funding

As the House of Representatives got down to work on the Fiscal Year 2004 budget, the NMI Retirement Fund bore down on the Legislature yesterday afternoon to appeal to lawmakers to provide for some $76.33 million that is owed by the CNMI government to the Fund. Fund officials led by Fund administrator Karl T. Reyes told lower chamber lawmakers that the Fund's Board of Trustees are beginning to be alarmed over the unresolved situation of unpaid payments as this could have a significant impact on the capacity of the Fund to become self-sustaining by 2020. The House passed the proposed $213.95 million budget late afternoon yesterday but details were not immediately available if the lower chamber accommodated the request of Fund officials.

House passes $213M budget for FY 2004

The budget ball now goes to the Senate's court after the House of Representatives passed the proposed $213.95 million budget for Fiscal Year 2004 in a session late afternoon yesterday. Of the 18 lower chamber members, 16 voted to pass House Bill 13-335, while two—Tinian Rep. Norman Palacios and Rota Rep. Daniel Quitugua—voted against it. As of 8:30 last night, the House was still in session, tackling other bills on the calendar so details of the budget that the lower chamber passed were not immediately available. It was reported, though, by House insiders that both Quitugua and Palacios voted against the proposed spending plan as it slashed some $1 million from Rota and Tinian's last fiscal year's budget.

Observing station for coral reefs installed at Laolao Bay

Coral reef managers in the Northern Mariana Islands will now receive early warning of dangerous environmental conditions that can weaken and kill high value coral reefs, thanks to a new coral observing station added yesterday in Laolao Bay, Saipan. The new station is a first-of-its-kind for the Pacific region and joins a network of other monitoring stations in Caribbean and Atlantic tropical waters that assist officials conserve, protect and manage reef ecosystems.

This station, installed last month off of the island of Saipan, will collect and transmit a suite of observations, including warm water conditions that could trigger a coral bleaching event. Data will also be used by researchers and managers to understand the complex physical, chemical and biological processes influencing the health of coral reef ecosystems.

Jim Hendee, Ph.D., a coral expert with NOAA's Atlantic Oceanographic and Meteorological Laboratory in Miami, Fla., led the team that built and deployed the station for NOAA's Coral Reef Conservation Program. The station joins a network of three existing Coral Reef Early Warning System, or CREWS, stations in the U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and Cayman Islands.

"This particular installation has been through several years of planning and logistics and I'm proud of the dedicated team of scientists and engineers who brought it to fruition," said Hendee. "This station will expand NOAA's conservation efforts in the Pacific and provide environmental managers with the data they need to understand the region's coastal and coral reef ecosystem dynamics."

ON THE NET

CREWS and ICON station data: http://ecoforecast.coral.noaa.gov
Coral Reef Conservation Program: http://coralreef.noaa.gov/

CREWS stations are part of the larger Integrated Coral Observing Network, also known as ICON, that integrate data in near real-time from in situ, satellite, radar and other sources for ecological forecasting in coral reef ecosystems. This latest station was established jointly with the Pacific Integrated Ocean observing System, or PacIOOS, the Pacific regional component of the U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing System. PacIOOS contributed a suite of sensors to the station to monitor ocean conditions, as well as impacts from sediment and algae blooms that can degrade healthy reefs.

"Working with NOAA to establish a full-water column monitoring site in Saipan, with the ability to transmit real-time data to coastal managers in Saipan, and around the world, is a great first step to expanding ocean observations throughout the Pacific Region," said PacIOOS director Chris E. Ostrander.

This station will transmit a variety of data, including air temperature, wind speed and gusts, wind direction, barometric pressure, precipitation, light (above and below water), sea temperature, salinity, and state of tide. The data is sent to NOAA's National Data Buoy Center and is included in the World Meteorological Organization's Global Telecommunications System, making it available for use by weather services all over the word. To access all CREWS and other ICON station data and related products, visit http://ecoforecast.coral.noaa.gov.

The benefits provided by coral reefs to Saipan's tourism industry are estimated to be worth more than $42 million, according to a 2006 NOAA and Department of the Interior-funded study. ***(NOAA)***

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New CREWS station in the Northern Marianas will help scientists understand the complex physical, chemical and biological processes that influence the health of coral reef ecosystems.

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CENTURIES OF ATTACKS ON THE POOR
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Taking Middle Road to eBay

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Some of Saipan's techies will call me Captain Obvious today. But one guy's obvious is another guy's mystery. This even applies to a common service like eBay. Never mind obvious, I'm being sneaky here: I'm sometimes on the hook to buy stuff for relatives who aren't eBay-savvy, and from now on I am going to direct them to this column and they can do their own shopping.

This is no fringe market. Last year, $62 billion worth of stuff was sold on eBay.

I had zero interest in eBay until I wanted to solve a specific little problem. I was driving down Middle Road one afternoon and I heard a tune on the radio from my halcyon college days. Ah, memories. This triggered a search for a record by a New Wave group called The Waitresses, although "New" Wave is mighty old these days.

How old is that? So old that some of it never made it to CD format. The song I heard on the radio made it. Alas, the album I wanted never did. Naturally, I long ago lost that album after college. So I was in search of a true relic: an obscure vinyl record.

On Saipan? Not a chance.

So I tried eBay. The result? Bingo!

eBay (eBay.com) calls itself an "electronic marketplace." It's a cross between a garage sale and a shopping mall. Well, maybe more accurately, it's both things at the same time. People who collect stuff (baseball cards, stamps, whatever) like to buy and sell on eBay. But it's not just for knickknacks, and many eBay vendors are virtual stores that sell new merchandise.

Many items, probably most, are sold on eBay via an auction process. But other items are listed for a flat ("By It Now") price.

As for the auction process, it is easy. However, it is not for the unwary. Why? Because each auction stops at a fixed, pre-determined time. This gives an advantage to those who only bid at the last second, bidding so late that nobody else has time to up the ante.

That technique is called "sniping" and there are electronic services that do just this, automatically bidding as paid proxies for the buyer. I'm not saying you should or shouldn't snipe. I'm not making moral judgments here. I'm just telling you what's going on out there in the real world so you don't get clobbered. Me? I got painfully clobbered until someone told me what was going on. So if you find that you keep trying to buy stuff, only to discover that a second before the auction ends somebody sweeps in to score before you can react, you might be running up against this factor.

As for the actual payment side of things it's easy via a service called PayPal. It's now owned by, you guessed it, eBay. Makes sense, since eBay and PayPal were like peanut butter and jelly, they just naturally went together. PayPal is an intermediary that holds your credit card data, but it doesn't give that data to the eBay seller. It's a little like a virtual escrow concept I guess. Incidentally, the buyer typically pays up front. And, not so incidentally, the buyer pays no commissions to PayPal, the cut comes out of the seller's take.

How can eBay work if it's just a bunch of strangers selling stuff?

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Living in the sea of abject poverty

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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President Obama is more than likely to realize by now that his 2008 motto "Yes we can" has wilted into "it takes more time." He uses his default position, speeches, with astonishing faith in his persuasive powers. Sadly though, every speech, especially of late, has been refuted by evidence to the contrary, demonstrating that he doesn't have rhetorical powers to snow job his failed stimulus program.

Against the heavy tide of 9-plus percent unemployment and the predicted slow economic recovery ahead, no wonder he now covers his failed plans with "it takes time." His plan to tax the rich more, asserting a political spin that they pay less in taxes than the middle, was soundly refuted by the IRS. Why would he suffocate the rich folks whose businesses actually create jobs when it's jobs he needs to encourage at this point?

This leads into a related matter that basically depicts life across the country today: It's a news item quizzing if you are poor. It's a quiz for folks across the country, many of whom are under SNAP as a result of work hour reductions and unemployment. Yet each family must still pay for house rentals, family car, and piles of assorted taxes:

"The mean salary in America is just about $50,000. But if you live in Los Angeles, Boston, San Francisco or New York, earning 50K means you're poor. The cost of living in most urban areas is now so high that a $250,000 salary is middle income. President Obama might not understand this, but we, the people, do.

"Let's take the situation in New York State. New Yorkers like me pay federal income tax, state income tax, New York City income tax and property taxes if we own a home. In fact, per capita property tax in the Empire State is about $1,900 a year. Sales tax per capita, another $1,700 per year.

"Gasoline tax in New York: 45 cents a gallon. Cell phone tax and fees of 23 percent are added to your monthly bill. There are also tolls, and taxes on your driver's license, cigarettes and alcohol. The hits just keep on coming.

"The only relief for New Yorkers is: tax situation is worse in New Jersey.

"All over the USA, working folks are bleeding take-home pay. Obama says he wants to extend the payroll tax cut, and that's fine. But that's a proverbial drop of water into a bottomless well.

"Folks just don't have much money to spend. So how on earth is the economy going to improve? Who's going to buy stuff? With so much money being taken from everyday Americans by their elected representatives in Washington and in the state capitals, there's simply not enough cash being spent in the marketplace to return the nation to economic prosperity.

"Recently, I saw a bumper sticker that read: "Taxes buy civilization. Progressive values are American values." Well, balderdash. Taxes are strangling working Americans. They are creating a society not of self-reliance (almost unaffordable), but of dependence on institutions we can't control: banks, credit card companies, government-generated handouts. Now the feds have seized control of the health industry. That will mean even more taxation down the road.

"Obama made a bet that his big-government vision would create jobs and prosperity. It has not worked. It never works. Ask Cubans and Venezuelans. Americans now find themselves struggling to pay the bills and utterly dependent on whoever is paying them a salary.

"Upward mobility? Please. Most Americans are just trying to survive. This is not what the pursuit of happiness is all about."

Hey, hey, hey! Try our situation on "our island" where nothing works. Leave fuming and hopping mad elsewhere. Must see the humor in our special ability to slam our foot into our mouth. We're getting used to it in a land where there's dystopia—where nothing works—plus we're getting used to living in abject poverty as the governor goes through his "Banzai in Shanghai!

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'Where have all the flowers gone?'

On the last day of summer camp, Joseph grabbed his guitar and started singing *Day Is Done*, bids *adios* to fellow campers then headed to the beach, alone.

There he stood jovial as he focused his binoculars on the darkening sunset. He started jumping up and down, yelling, "There's a ship named 'investment' out there. Or maybe an entire fleet ready to enter the Tanapag Harbor." Hours passed without a ship approaching the shores of our tiny paradise.

"Maybe they are headed elsewhere nearby!" he exclaimed.

Said another camper, "It's Taiwan! The country has set up industrial complexes for Japanese investment, you know, those destined to make it to the greater market in China."

Interjected another, "What about the NMI?"

Said Joseph, sadly, soberly, "Ours is a dead venue for investments and for a long, long time to come." As his fellow campers heard him, they all cringed at the prospects of a very gloomy opportunity to enjoy their economic freedom.

He continued singing, only this time he belted a familiar folk song, *Where Have All the Flowers Gone?*

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We have due process rights regardless of PL 17-51. So what's the point of seeking for a TRO? More legal eagles milking the Fund's scarce resources and padding their wallets while we mull the fate of retirees? Nothing can be further from the truth!

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The moral of the story

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SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

The members and beneficiaries are not precluded in bringing lawsuit on behalf of the Retirement Fund even prior to the enactment of Public Law 17-51. They can do so even without this law. What makes it so burdensome to the Fund's service providers is the fact that most of their offices are located outside the CNMI. Any lawsuit, with merits or not, filed in the state court, will result in the service providers bearing the extra cost for their lawyers, airfare, hotel accommodation and other related costs to defend their cause. These incidental costs were not projected and included in their fee schedule when they entered into a contract with the Fund.

If there is an obvious reason such as a breach of contract, of course the first party to know that is the Fund management. It is the principle of trust and confidence of doing business that is at stake and PL 17-51 opens the gates for frivolous lawsuits. This may mean too much inconvenience on the part of the service providers and the Fund as well. Instead of dedicating time and efforts to benefit the Fund, the focus will be diverted to defend themselves from frivolous lawsuits.

The Fund started dealing with Merrill Lynch from day one when the Fund embarked in the investment arena. If the initial Fund management did not have trust and confidence in Merrill Lynch, that company should not be hired in the first place. The contract was open-ended and could be terminated anytime by either parties. How long was that? Over 20 years! Did Merrill Lynch perform its role in the contract for the Fund's benefit? Please verify the actual numbers at the Fund. From my recollection of one of the reports, the over $100 million invested capital produced over $300 million in total portfolio market value.

Beginning in the last quarter of 2007 up to the last part of March 2009, there was a total market breakdown worldwide due to the toxic subprime mortgage (real estate) collapse. All investors, both institutional and individuals, were not able to escape due to the subprime bubble. The only investors that profited from this catastrophe were the so-called short seller hedge funds (the gamblers) because they were aware, one way or the other, that in due time the subprime mortgages will meet its end. And it did! The investment philosophy of the Fund precludes short-selling and, following that discipline, of course if the market turns south the effect will result in what is called unrealized loss or paper loss.

Investing is management of risks and of course to earn a reasonable rate of return based on the level of risks taken. Higher risks mean higher expected returns, moderate risks will mean moderate returns and conservative risks will give you conservative returns, equal to a time certificate of deposit. I do hope this section provided you a simple explanation of the negative effects of PL 17-51.

As for the pension obligation bond, we all know the defined benefit plan's sponsor is the CNMI government. There are many factors to consider in floating a POB. First and foremost, the CNMI Constitution prohibits issuing bonds to finance government operations. Simply, a POB aims to finance government operations because the Fund was underfunded and the POB proceeds will be used in its entirety to be invested in the Fund. That's the very reason the POB was placed on the ballot—to exempt POB from the category of government operations—but voters rejected this in the previous election.

Another important aspect to consider is the current credit ratings of the CNMI. If the credit rating is low or bad, the interest that would be attached to the POB will be higher because the risk of default is high. Investors who will buy the POBs will not take higher risks if the stipulated interest rate was low. Higher risks will mean higher interest rate and vice-versa.

On top of these, the underwriting cost will be higher as well because the underwriter needs to spend so much in marketing the POBs. The economic climate for issuing bonds nowadays is not very appealing. You may have heard the news about Europe and its member sovereign countries. The massive risks of default are all over the continent, no one wants to invest in bonds. Therefore, the timing for the POB is not encouraging.

This is the most practical consideration: POB is a debt and not an asset. You are paying a debt using another debt. The commonly known term is refinancing a debt. If you refinance your mortgage, for example, you extend the terms and you'll end up incurring more debt than you originally had. In fiscal year 2009 Single Audit Report of the CNMI government (http://www.opacnmi.com/content/cnmi-general-fund-deficit-increases-174-3008m), the accumulated deficit was $300.8 million. The actual revenue collection was short by $18.4 million or 11.8 cents for every $1 of estimated revenue. On the other hand, the actual expenditures exceeded estimates by $18.6 million or 11 cents for every $1 of budgeted expenses. It is a "double-edged negative" if both the actual revenue falls short of the estimates and the actual expenditures is higher than what was budgeted. From the 2006 deficit level of $188.1 million to $300.8 million in 2009, that is a 17 percent annual growth in the CNMI deficit. Using the "rule of 72," in four years' time the deficit will double! The bond rating agencies that monitors the CNMI will be reluctant to give a good credit grade. Simply, find out the CNMI government's revenue trend in the last three years. Isn't it on a downtrend?

Here are excerpts from the Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce news release on July 12, 2011, (http://www.bea.gov/newsreleases/general/terr/2011/pdf/cnmi_071211.pdf) *"The estimates for the CNMI show that real GDP—GDP adjusted to remove price changes—decreased 19.8 percent in 2009 after decreasing 12.1 percent in 2008 (see Table 3)"*. These were two consecutive years of double-digit declines. And here: *"The decreases in real consumer spending in 2008 and 2009 negatively impacted economic growth, most notably in 2009. In 2009, real consumer spending fell by approximately 13 percent after decreasing by less than 1 percent in 2008 (see Table 3)"*. Consumers are not spending, causing the negative economic growth for the CNMI.

To add the POB, is it practical to incur additional debt with the current economic environment? How could the government pay the debt holders on top of the current deficit? Who will be the ultimate payer of both the POB and the deficit? Isn't it the CNMI residents? How? In the form of higher taxes, higher utilities, higher business license, higher vehicle registration, higher fuel tax and many more. If you would like to pay higher taxes, go ahead and vote for the POB.

The moral of this story is that "we must live within our means" until the economy grows again.

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Attending a for-profit college? Buyer beware!

By SHARON HART
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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As I've been out meeting with numerous citizens across the Commonwealth, I have been surprised to hear about all of the students enrolling in the programs of for-profit colleges and universities. These will often have tuition rates averaging $40,000 for a two-year degree and up to $80,000 to complete a four-year. While many of these institutions offer a viable option for those who want to advance their education and training, I want to strongly encourage students who are considering enrolling in for-profit colleges and universities to do their homework and to consider many factors, including some of the following facts:

■ In June of 2011 the Obama administration finalized its regulations regarding for-profit colleges. According to *The Washington Times*, "the rule would impose three tests on for-profit institutions, whom critics say have enrolled huge numbers of students receiving federal aid without delivering real results. Repeated failures to meet the new tests would mean the college could no longer accept students paying with federal money, a restriction that could force some nontraditional institutions to close their doors. …"

What are these three tests?

1. At least 35 percent of former students must have begun to repay their student loans within the first three years of graduating;

2. The estimated loan payment of a typical graduate must not exceed 30 percent of discretionary income; and

3. The estimated loan payment of an average graduate must not exceed 12 percent of total earnings.

■ According to the U.S. Department of Education, for-profit colleges and universities enroll one in eight U.S. students, yet they account for almost one in two federal loan defaults. For example, a bachelor's degree recipient at for-profits have median college debits of $31,190 compared to $7,960 at public colleges.

■ Harris Miller, president of the Association of Private Sector Colleges and Universities, reports that "for-profit colleges have higher student loan default rates because they serve lower-income students, minorities, immigrants and working adults.

■ Under U.S. law, loan obligations can rarely be discharged in bankruptcy. This further blocks students from additional education. Defaults can subject students to government confiscation of tax refunds, social security payments as well as paychecks.

■ The state attorneys general in Kentucky, Florida, Iowa, and Illinois are all investigating for-profit colleges as a result of the U.S. government's probe and these federal regulations. This year lawmakers in Arizona, Iowa, Idaho, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, North Dakota, Nebraska, New York, Texas, and Utah have all proposed bills relating to for-profit colleges.

I sincerely hope that this information is on the radar of students here in the CNMI as well as on the radar of local agencies that provide scholarships and financial assistance to students.

Yes, the offerings at Northern Marianas College have been quite limited. This has forced many students to look elsewhere for an education and, when it is not possible to physically move to other islands or the U.S. mainland, students have often been enrolling in online degree programs at these for-profit institutions. NMC will be aggressively working this year to develop partnerships and relationships with key states and regions within the United States, allowing us to bring a number of programs at very reasonable prices to you here in the Commonwealth, without leaving home! For those of you who still choose to leave home and travel to be educated in the U.S., we will be seeking partnerships with numerous public colleges and universities to specifically reduce the tuition rates presently being charged to Commonwealth residents.

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Won't the unscrupulous rip people off? From my experience it's surprisingly rare. Whenever you place an order on eBay, you are allowed to post "feedback" about the seller. So sellers accumulate a reputation based on their feedback ratings. They can't escape it. It's their free-market report card. In summary, community feedback is the mechanism to steer people away from the stinkers. PayPal, for its part, has various safety mechanisms for buyers as well.

The biggest snafus I've seen are in the shipping realm. I don't expect anybody to ship anything to the CNMI unless they specifically say that they will do it. Most won't. Most folks I know from the mainland simply have things shipped to U.S. addresses of relatives or friends, who in turn have the honor of re-shipping it to Saipan. There's nothing sneaky about that; it's just the nature of the logistics. This insane runaround is, of course, yet another reason to buy from local stores in the Commonwealth whenever possible. But, well, sometimes it's not possible, like when a drive on Middle Road triggers a nostalgic impulse.

Overall, with the exception of the sniping issue, eBay is entirely intuitive and is easier done than read.

As for The Waitresses, singer Patty Donahue passed away in 1996 at the age of 40. But thanks to eBay her voice is still very much alive in my house.

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
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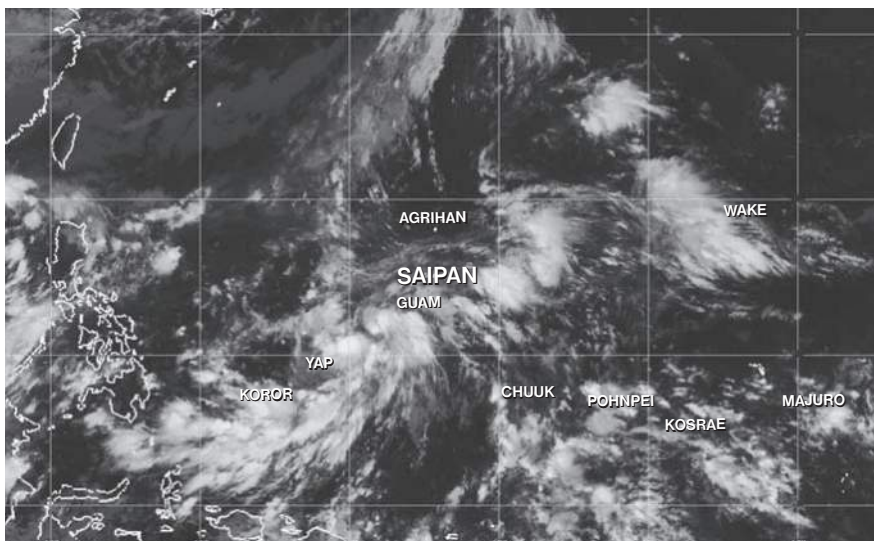
Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼78
Palau	Rain	▲84	▼77
Yap	Rain	▲83	▼77
Chuuk	Rain	▲81	▼75
Pohnpei	Rain	▲85	▼74
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼78
Majuro	Rain	▲84	▼77

Around The Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲61	▼52
Beijing	Sunny	▲79	▼51
Hong Kong	Mostly Cloudy	▲87	▼79
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲87	▼74
London	Partly Cloudy	▲67	▼50
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲82	▼63
Manila	Thundershowers	▲86	▼77
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲60	▼43
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲89	▼77
New York	Showers	▲71	▼66
Osaka	Sunny	▲80	▼64
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲75	▼49
Pusan	Sunny	▲75	▼65
Rome	Sunny	▲82	▼63
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼60
San Francisco	Sunny	▲78	▼60
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	▲75	▼56
Tokyo	Mostly Sunny	▲78	▼65
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲74	▼67

Yesterday's Satellite Image



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A monsoon trough extends southeastward from 16N130E through a broad circulation centered east of Yap near 10N140E to end near 5N145E. Numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms are located over the Marianas within 120 miles of a line from 10N142E to 18N148E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found near and south of the monsoon trough over Yap and Koror between 10N and 2N from 130E to 147E and north of Yap within 90 miles either side of a line from 13N137E to 18N138E. An upper-level low centered north of the Marianas at 21N146E is producing isolated thunderstorms northeast of the Marianas within 50 miles of either side of a line from 21N149E to 24N150E. A trade-wind disturbance is generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms over Pohnpei within 170 miles either side of a line from EQ157E to 8N159E. Upper-level divergence south of an upper-level trough is triggering scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms just west of Wake Island between 22N and 14N from 157E to 168E and east of Minami Torishima island within 70 miles either of a line from 25N155E to 24N162E. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers just east of Kosrae between 9N and 1N from 163E to 171E and east of Majuro within 70 miles either side of a line from 6N173E to 7N180E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

2:28 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.6 Feet
9:55 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.0 Feet
5:06 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
10:41 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.0 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:06 AM	6:13 PM
Saturday	6:06 AM	6:12 PM
Sunday	6:06 AM	6:11 PM
Monday	6:06 AM	6:11 PM
Tuesday	6:06 AM	6:10 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	1:34 AM	2:40 PM
Saturday	2:32 AM	3:27 PM
Sunday	3:30 AM	4:13 PM
Monday	4:29 AM	5:00 PM
Tuesday	5:29 AM	5:47 PM

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SAIPAN (SPN)-ROTA (ROP)			
C09315	4:25am	5:00am	1, 5
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)			
C09317	4:25am	5:15am	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
C09315	4:25am	6:00am	1, 5 via ROP
C09313	7:55am	8:45am	3, 6
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
5K386	5:50pm	6:40pm	4, 7
C09605	6:35pm	7:25pm	Daily
C09599	9:35pm	10:25pm	Daily
5K382	10:40pm	11:30pm	1, 5
SAIPAN-NAGOYA (NGO)			
5K212	8:20am	10:55am	3, 4, 7
SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)			
OZ119	4:00am	6:40am	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ119	4:00am	11:25am	Daily via KIX
OZ604	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			
3U8648	6:05am	8:30am	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:15am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:15am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
C09317/191	4:25am	9:45am	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	9:55pm	Daily via NRT
C09313/183	7:55am	8:40pm	3, 6 via GUM
C09603/183	3:05pm	8:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7 via GUM
C09603/193	3:05pm	10:10pm	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
C09599/PR111	9:30pm	7:50am	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
5K168	9:45am	12:55pm	1, 5
C09603/179	3:05pm	9:25pm	1, 5 via GUM

ARRIVALS

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)			
C09315	5:30am	6:00am	1, 5
ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN (SPN)			
C09314	3:20am	3:55am	1, 5
GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
C09314	2:20am	3:55am	1, 5 via ROP
C09316	2:45am	3:35am	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
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C09596	6:35am	7:25am	3, 6
C09596	7:00am	7:50am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
5K389	8:10am	9:00am	1, 5
C09600	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09604	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
C09606	8:10pm	9:00pm	Daily
NAGOYA (NGO)-SAIPAN			
5K213	11:55am	4:25pm	3, 4, 7
OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN			
OZ120	9:50pm	2:20am+1	Daily
NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:05pm	12:45am+1	Daily
SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ603	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ120	7:10pm	2:20am+1	Daily via KIX
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	4, 7
MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ704/603	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
DL172/288	7:45am	12:45am+1	Daily via NRT
C0190/9606	10:55am	9:00pm	3, 6 via GUM
OZ702/605	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/605	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C0192/9596	9:55pm	7:25am+1	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
PR110/C09596	10:00pm	7:25am+1	5 via GUM
PR110/C09596	10:00pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
C0184/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
C0184/9596	11:25pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM
HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ724/603	12:30am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
5K169	2:20pm	9:25pm	1, 5
C0180/9596	10:30pm	7:25am+1	5 via GUM
C0180/9596	10:30pm	7:50am+1	1 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 5K: FlyGuam; 3U: Sichuan Airlines; CZ: China Southern; CO: Continental; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana

ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The *Saipan Tribune* is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam–Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

STEP BY STEP

Instructions for employers petitioning for transitional workers in the CNMI

If you are an employer in the Northern Mariana Islands you are probably wondering if the CNMI-only transitional worker or "CW status" is something that will work for you and your foreign employees.

The step by step information below will help you:

Determine if you, as the employer, are eligible to hire a foreign worker;

Determine if your employee qualifies for transitional worker status; and

Understand the process for how to hire a foreign worker or keep a foreign worker whose CNMI umbrella permit is expiring.

STEP ONE: Determine if you, the employer, are eligible to hire a foreign worker

Are you eligible to hire a foreign worker under the Transitional Worker status?

■ To qualify to hire workers with CW status, you as the employer, must:

■ Be engaged in a legitimate business. This means:

■ You must produce services or goods for profit, or be a governmental, charitable or other validly recognized nonprofit organization, and

■ Your business must also meet requirements for doing business in the CNMI.

■ Demonstrate that you have considered available U.S. workers for the position.

■ Offer terms and conditions of employment consistent with the nature of your business.

■ Submit the necessary forms to hire transitional workers.

■ Comply with all federal and CNMI requirements relating to employment, including occupational safety and minimum wage requirements.

Pay the reasonable transportation costs for the worker to return to his or her last place of foreign residence if that worker is involuntarily dismissed from employment before the end of the authorized period.

STEP TWO: Determine if the foreign worker qualifies for CW Status

If you are eligible to hire a transitional worker, is the foreign worker qualified for CW status?

To qualify for CW status, the foreign worker you want to hire must:

■ Not be eligible for any other employment-based nonimmigrant status under U.S. immigration law, such as H-1B status.

■ Be lawfully present in the CNMI, or be outside the United States.

■ Be admissible to the United States or be able to get a waiver of a ground of inadmissibility. This means that the worker does not have something that, by law, would keep him or her from being eligible, such as a criminal conviction within the grounds of inadmissibility under U.S. immigration law.

STEP THREE: File Forms

If you are eligible to hire a foreign worker and the foreign worker you want to hire is eligible to be considered for the CW status, then you need to submit the necessary forms to USCIS.

1. For one or more workers you must fill out a Form I-129CW, Petition for a CNMI-Only Nonimmigrant Transitional Worker. This form can be downloaded from www.uscis.gov/forms or you can get a form at the USCIS office in Saipan. You can find filing tips at www.uscis.gov/cw.

2. After completing the form, assemble supporting evidence showing that you, your business, the foreign worker and the job position meet the eligibility criteria.

3. Write two checks made out to the "Department of Homeland Security." Write one check for $325 for the Form I-129CW and the other for a "CNMI education funding fee" of $150 fee per beneficiary (worker).

4. Once you complete everything, send the entire package to the USCIS California Service Center. Please note: Application will NOT be accepted before Oct. 7, 2011.

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ATTN: CW-1
P.O. Box 10698
Laguna Niguel, CA 92607-1098

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USCIS California Service Center
ATTN: CW-1
24000 Avila Road
2nd Floor, Room 2312
Laguna Niguel, CA 92607-1098

Grant of Status

A foreign worker who is lawfully present in the CNMI may be eligible for a 'Grant of Status' and get CW status directly in the CNMI without having to obtain a U.S. visa abroad first. If you are petitioning for a foreign worker and also requesting a Grant of Status, include an $85 biometrics processing fee in the I-129CW application package. Information about Grant of Status criteria is found at www.uscis.gov/cnmi. When you request a grant of status in the CNMI, USCIS will advise you where the foreign worker must go for fingerprints and photograph for DHS to conduct the required security checks.

If petitioning for foreign workers who are requesting consular processing abroad or already have a nonimmigrant status (F-1, H-1B, etc.) you do not need to submit a biometrics fee with the application.

STEP FOUR: USCIS contacts employer

If your Form I-129CW is approved, USCIS will mail an approval notice to you showing that the CW-1 classification has been approved. You should get the notice in 60 days. If you haven't received any correspondence from USCIS after 60 days, contact a USCIS customer service representative by calling 1-800-375- 5283 or make an InfoPass appointment at www.uscis.gov to see an officer in our Saipan Office.

Foreign worker in the CNMI

If your approved foreign work-

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STEP BY STEP

Instructions for employees who would like a transitional worker status

If you are a foreign worker in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands with an "umbrella permit" you are probably wondering if the transitional worker (CW) classification is something that will work for you.

The step by step information below will help you:

■ Determine if you qualify for transitional worker status;

■ Understand what steps your employer must take to hire you as a CW worker; and

■ Understand how to obtain CW status for your spouse and children under 18 years old.

STEP ONE: Determine if you, the foreign worker, qualify for CW Status

If you have an eligible employer who wants to hire you or continue employment after Nov. 27, 2011, how do you know if you qualify for CW status?

To qualify for CW status, you must:

■ Not be eligible for any other employment-based nonimmigrant status under U.S. immigration law. This means that you are not eligible for H-1B status or any other kind of temporary work status.

■ Be lawfully present in the CNMI, or be outside the United States.

■ Be admissible to the United States or be able to get a waiver of a ground of inadmissibility. This means that you do not have something that, by law, would keep you from being eligible, such as a criminal conviction that is a ground of inadmissibility under U.S. immigration law.

If you have a valid umbrella permit you do not need to leave the CNMI to get CW status.

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er is in the CNMI, provide the worker with the original approval notice document, which includes the worker's Arrival-Departure Record Form I-94. The worker will need this Form I-94 to indicate that he or she received approval for the Grant of Status.

Foreign worker abroad

If your approved foreign worker is abroad, send the original approval notice to the worker's address abroad. The approval notice will indicate that he or she needs to make an appointment for a nonimmigrant visa interview at the U.S. Consulate/ Embassy nearest to them for processing of a CW-1 visa application.

STEP FIVE: Extending CW Status

CW status is valid for one year. You must file a new petition for CW status on behalf of your employee or the employee must obtain another Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) nonimmigrant or immigrant classification to lawfully stay in the CNMI after that.

For more information about transitional worker status, please visit our website at www.uscis.gov/cw.

Source: USCIS

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STEP TWO: Your employer files form

Your employer will submit the necessary forms to USCIS for you to get CW status.

If you are outside of the CNMI or already have a nonimmigrant status (such as F-1, student) you do not need to submit a biometrics fee with the application.

If you are required to pay the $85 biometrics fee and cannot afford it, you may file a Form I-912, Application for Fee Waiver.

Your employer must pay...	the I-129CW application fee
Your employer must pay...	the "CNMI education funding fee"
You, your employer or an attorney must pay...	the $85 biometrics fee if you are in the CNMI

STEP THREE: USCIS contacts you

If you are outside of the CNMI, go to 'Step Four.' If you are in the CNMI, USCIS will send you a notice telling you where to go for fingerprints and photograph for DHS to conduct the required security checks.

STEP FOUR: USCIS approves or denies petition

If your employer's Form I129-CW for you is approved, USCIS will mail an approval notice to your employer showing that the CW-1 classification has been approved. If it is denied, USCIS will mail a denial to your employer.

If you are in the CNMI

Your employer will give you the original approval notice document, which includes the Arrival-Departure Record Form I-94 to show that you have been approved. You do not have to leave the CNMI if you are approved. However, if you do leave you will need to get a CW visa with a U.S. Embassy or Consulate before you come back to the CNMI.

If you are outside of the CNMI

Your employer will send the original approval notice to your address abroad. The approval notice will indicate that you need to make an appointment for a nonimmigrant visa interview at the U.S. Consulate or Embassy nearest to you to apply for a CW-1 visa.

To find a U.S. Consulate or Embassy nearest to you and to see visa appointment wait times, go to www.travel.state.gov.

STEP FIVE: Petitioning for dependents

If you are a CW-1 holder, your spouse or children under 18 may be eligible for CW-2 status if:

- they are lawfully present in the CNMI or outside of the CNMI, and
- they are admissible to the United States.

As a CW-1 worker, you must be able to support any CW-2 dependents. CW-2 dependents are not authorized to work.

To get CW-2 status for dependents in the CNMI, your dependents must file a Form I-539 for themselves. It is best to file this at the same time the I-129CW is filed by your employer. Your spouse and children can be included on one Form I-539.

If your dependents are abroad, they should apply for a CW-2 nonimmigrant visa at a U.S. Consulate or Embassy after your CW-1 petition is approved.

You or your family must pay...
■ the I-539 application fee of $290
■ the $85 biometrics fee per dependent

If you are cannot afford the fees associated with filing a Form I-539, you may file a Form I-912, Application for Fee Waiver.

STEP SIX: Extending CW status

CW status is valid for one year. Your employer must file a new petition for you or you must obtain another Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) nonimmigrant or immigrant classification to lawfully stay in the CNMI after that.

For more information about transitional worker status, please visit our website at www.uscis.gov/cw.

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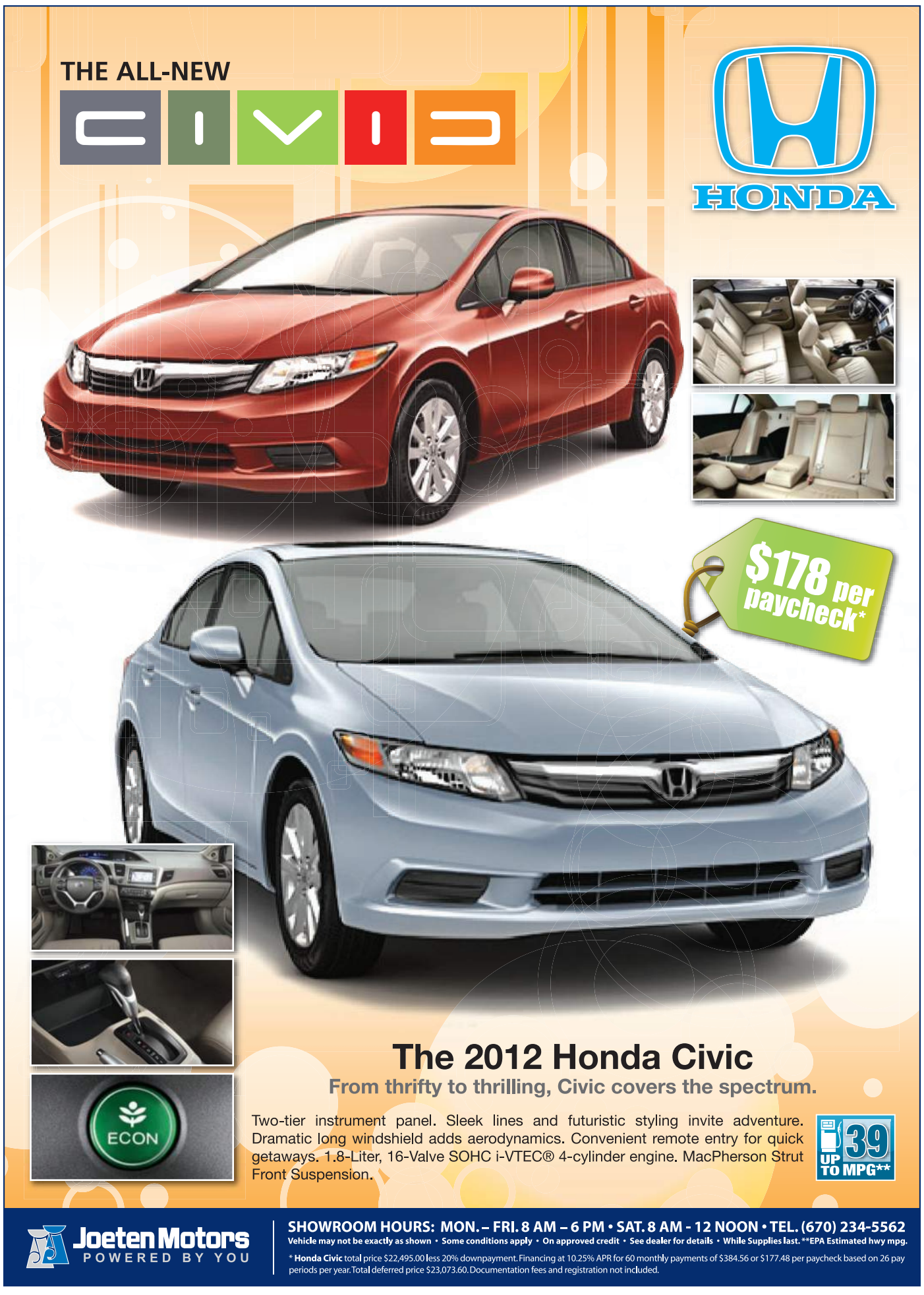
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Illegal pesticides still being imported

The importation and selling of foreign and/or misbranded pesticides and pesticide devices is illegal, yet is still happening in the Commonwealth, according to the Division of Environmental Quality.

Products that may be imported or sold in the CNMI are legal products that are registered with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and are properly labeled in the English language.

DEQ said that all pesticides must be labeled with the name of pesticide in bold letters, restricted use designation, description of which pests are controlled, chemical name of pesticide, active ingredients and percentages, inert ingredients, EPA registration number, patent numbers, directions for proper use and appropriate signal words such as caution, warning or danger poison. Misbranded pesticides also refer to products that bear any statement, design, or graphic representation, which is false or misleading.

A pesticide is any substance or mixture of substances intended for preventing, destroying, repelling or mitigating any pest. Many household products are pesticides and can include kitchen, laundry and bath disinfectants and sanitizers. Products that kill mold and mildew are also considered pesticides.

The DEQ Pesticide Management branch is charged with the responsibility to regulate the importation, sale and distribution of pesticides, legal or illegal to ensure public health and a clean and healthy environment. DEQ staff regularly inspects business establishments for any misbranded products. Should misbranded items be found, all misbranded pesticides will be confiscated and penalties may be assessed.

The CNMI Pesticide Regulations are available to any interested party. Call or visit the DEQ Pesticide Management branch at 664-8522, located along Chalan Pale Arnold at the Gualo Rai Center or visit the DEQ website at www.deq.gov.mp. Office hours are Monday through Friday, from 7:30am to 4:30pm. ***(DEQ)***

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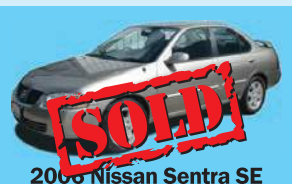
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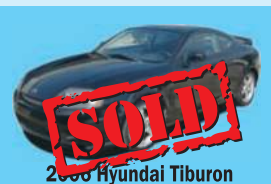
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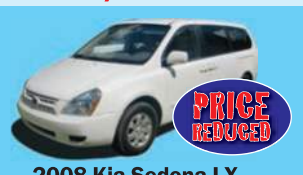
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The U.S. Military Services
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Training and Testing (MITT) EIS/OEIS

The U.S. Navy is in the early stages of preparing an Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS) to evaluate potential environmental effects associated with maintaining military readiness training and research, development, testing and evaluation activities ("training and testing activities") in the MITT Study Area. Community input is requested on the scope, environmental resources and local issues to address in the EIS/OEIS.

The military services request your input!

You can participate in a variety of ways:
- Visit **www.mitt-eis.com** to learn more, submit comments and link to resources about military training and testing activities.
- Mail written comments to the address below.
- Attend an open house scoping meeting and submit oral or written comments.

Let the services know what environmental factors should be considered in the preparation of the EIS/OEIS.

PROPOSED ACTION:
The Proposed Action is to conduct military readiness training and testing activities within the MITT Study Area. The MITT Study Area includes air, land and sea space in the existing Mariana Islands Range Complex (MIRC), additional areas on the high seas and a transit corridor where military training and testing activities may occur. The Proposed Action would support training and testing activities associated with new systems and force structure changes within the MITT Study Area to ensure critical military requirements are met. The EIS/OEIS will support applicable environmental reauthorizations, consultations and other associated environmental requirements for those training and testing activities. The MITT EIS/OEIS is the reevaluation and reauthorization of training and testing activities reviewed in the MIRC EIS/OEIS, which the Navy completed with community input in 2010.

SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS TO:
Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pacific
Attention: MITT EIS/OEIS Project Manager
258 Makalapa Drive, Suite 100
Pearl Harbor, HI 96860-3134
Submit comments online at **www.mitt-eis.com**.
Comments must be postmarked or received online by Monday, Nov. 7, 2011.

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS
Open House: 5 to 8 p.m.

Guam:
Thursday, Sept. 22, 2011
University of Guam
Leon Guerrero School of Business and Public Administration Building,
Anthony Leon Guerrero Multi-Purpose
Room 129
Mangilao, Guam 96923

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Friday, Sept. 23, 2011
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Tinian, MP 96952

Rota:
Thursday, Sept. 29, 2011
Sinapalo Elementary School, Cafeteria
Sinapalo I, Songsong Village
Rota, MP 96951

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Series of workshops in Oct. for parole-in-place applications

The Marianas Office of Micronesian Legal Services Corp. will be hosting a series of workshops to help people prepare parole-in-place applications. These workshops are aimed at foreign nationals/aliens who have no other options for their status. Each workshop targets a specific category of foreign nationals who are likely to have success or may have a good chance at success in getting parole-in-place from the USCIS.

The second workshop is scheduled for Oct. 16 at American Memorial Park at 1pm. It is for only those foreign nationals who are 1) spouses or widows/widowers of or 2) parents or children of citizens of the United States.

Parole-in-place is an option of last-resort. Generally speaking, where other options are available, like the CW permit for those employed, those options should be exhausted first. Although MLSC will conduct the workshop to help people understand the process and put together their applications, no individual legal advice will be given. MLSC will not be accepting cases or filing on behalf of those who attend the workshops. The purpose of the session is simply to help get information out and help people utilize the process as successfully as they can.

Each workshop will be conducted in English. Each workshop is limited by the capacity of the auditorium at American Memorial Park. If there are no auditorium seats available, the sessions will be closed. For more information, contact the Marianas Office at 234-6243. ***(PR)***

NMC tourism students and business instructor Larry Lee outside the LSG Sky Chefs facility on Airport Road. NMC

NMC Hospitality Management students visit LSG Sky Chefs

Students from the Northern Marianas College's Introduction to Food & Beverage Management course recently visited the LSG Sky Chefs Airport Road facility on a class field trip to experience one of the Commonwealth's premier food service operations.

LSG's Chef George Santos personally led the students on a tour of the facility's food preparation, food storage, receiving, and dishwashing areas.

According to NMC business instructor Larry Lee, "this type of hands-on experience really broadens our students' perspectives, especially as they learned so much about an international food service company with extremely high professional standards." ***(NMC)***

Man allegedly hits wife with broomstick

A man allegedly hit his common-law wife with a broomstick on the face after an argument with his wife's mother on Tuesday morning.

Herman Michael Selepeo Jr., 23, was arrested for assault with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery, and disturbing the peace.

The victim's left eye was swollen, police said.

Selepeo was allowed to post a $625 cash bail yesterday.

Detective Peter A. Aldan stated in his report that Selepeo and his common-law wife were walking home on Afetnas Road when, still smarting from his argument with his wife's mother, Selepeo allegedly hit his wife in the face with a broomstick he was holding when she told him to ignore the argument.

The wife proceeded to her mother's house where police were then called. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
for
An Manufacturing Partnership

The public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this request for a Conditional Use Permit. Mr. Li Xiang Ming from An Manufacturing is proposing to manufacture concrete hollow blocks on lot 550New-8-R1. This area is located along Afetnas Road in San Antonio.

Date: **October 06, 2011**
Time: **5:00 pm**
Place: **Zoning Board Conference Room, 2nd flr, Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan**

The above application may be viewed at the Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan. Comments on the projects may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments shall be submitted in writing to the Zoning Office no later than 4:30pm, October 5, 2011. Written comments may also be submitted via email to therese.ogumoro@zoning.gov.mp , via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950 or delivered to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, Dandan, Saipan.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the public hearing, or if you require assistance, please call 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & Division 3 of Title 10 CMC).

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Board Chairman

CUC cites improvements in overall water quality

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. announced yesterday that it continues to score big accomplishments in providing drinking water to its customers.

The agency annually publishes a water quality report that is intended as a comprehensive index of water quality data.

"Each year we conduct thousands of water quality and analytical tests in order to provide our customers with clean, safe drinking water. While CUC has faced many challenges over time, we are pleased with our accomplishments in repairing and upgrading our delivery system and in providing quality drinking water to your homes and businesses," CUC said in a statement yesterday.

CUC monitors its water systems daily and employs 25 certified operators.

In the past two consecutive years, CUC said it noted only a few violations of the Safe Drinking Water Act. In 2010, CUC experienced only one total coliform water quality violation, mainly due to faulty sampling equipment.

Thus far, in 2011, it has experienced only one total coliform violation due to elevated turbidity levels. While not a health emergency, it is a concern and a public notice was issued.

CUC described this progress as "an excellent record by any standard."

It said it has also increased delivery of 24-hour water service throughout Saipan.

A major part of this success, according to the agency, comes from its water treatment and disinfection program. CUC treats its water by injecting trace amounts of chlorine throughout its service areas. This disinfection process is required by the Division of Environmental Quality and provides a barrier of protection against bacterial growth in the water system.

In addition, CUC's disinfection program closely follows the standards set by the CNMI-DEQ Safe Drinking Water Program. Overall, this program is needed to ensure public health, as many of the wells used to supply water in the Commonwealth are shallow wells drilled into highly permeable limestone aquifers. These wells, especially if poorly constructed, are subject to microbiological contamination.

"For these reasons, it is important for public water systems that produce drinking water from these sources to effectively treat the source water before the water is provided to their consumers," said CUC.

CUC also reports that its chlorine levels are in full compliance. ***(Moneth Deposa)***

CRIME OF THE WEEK

Theft at Marianas Country Club

Crime Stoppers is seeking the community's assistance for information on a theft incident that occurred at the Marianas Country Club in Marpi.

Last Sept. 15 at about 1:30pm, an elderly Korean tourist couple were playing golf at hole No. 16 when they noticed a motorcycle—described as a motocross bike—near the area. The suspect on the motorcycle was dressed all in black, including a black jacket and black motorcycle helmet.

The couple exited their golf cart to play golf when the suspect sped up, rode toward their golf cart, snatched the victim's handbag, and sped away, heading east toward the jungle.

The items stolen include a peach-colored leather bag containing Korean passports, a red leather wallet with identification, credit cards, and currency. The cash stolen was estimated at over $1,000 and included Korean won.

The Department of Public Safety and Crime Stoppers are seeking help from the public. Contact the Crime Stoppers hotline at 234-7272 should you want to remain anonymous or use our website at www.nmicrimestoppers.com. Crime Stoppers pays up to $1,000 for any information leading to an arrest. ***(Crime Stoppers)***

Win a limited edition ICE CHEST or T-SHIRT!

For a chance to win submit a photo of yourself using the new L50 ruler or poster – Enter by Aug. 31!

Photos can be dropped at Saipan DFW, DEQ, CRM or NOAA offices or emailed to: marfishmag@gmail.com
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Car Seat Recommendations for Children

- Select a car seat based on your child's age and size, and choose a seat that fits in your vehicle and use it every time.
- Always refer to your specific car seat manufacturer's instructions; read the vehicle owner's manual on how to install the car seat using the seat belt or LATCH system; and check height and weight limits.
- To maximize safety, keep your child in the car seat for as long as possible, as long as the child fits within the manufacturer's height and weight requirements.
- Keep your child in the back seat at least through age 12.

AGE

Birth – 12 months
Your child under age 1 should always ride in a rear-facing car seat.
There are different types of rear-facing car seats: Infant-only seats can only be used rear-facing. Convertible and 3-in-1 car seats typically have higher height and weight limits for the rear-facing position, allowing you to keep your child rear-facing for a longer period of time.

1 – 3 years
Keep your child rear-facing as long as possible. It's the best way to keep him or her safe. Your child should remain in a rear-facing car seat until he or she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by your car seat's manufacturer. Once your child outgrows the rear-facing car seat, your child is ready to travel in a forward-facing car seat with a harness.

4 – 7 years
Keep your child in a forward-facing car seat with a harness until he or she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by your car seat's manufacturer. Once your child outgrows the forward-facing car seat with a harness, it's time to travel in a booster seat, but still in the back seat.

8 – 12 years
Keep your child in a booster seat until he or she is big enough to fit in a seat belt properly. For a seat belt to fit properly the lap belt must lie snugly across the upper thighs, not the stomach. The shoulder belt should lie snug across the shoulder and chest and not cross the neck or face. Remember: your child should still ride in the back seat because it's safer there.

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A **SEAT BELT** should lie across the upper thighs and be snug across the shoulder and chest to restrain the child safely in a crash. It should not rest on the stomach area or across the neck.

For more information please contact CNMI Department of Public Safety – Highway Safety Office at 664-9001/9085

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Government budget on *Marianas Agupa*

On Saturday, Sept. 24, 2011, *Marianas Agupa* will feature Senate Fiscal Affairs chair Jovita M. Taimanao from 10am to 10:30am. The show is from 9am to 11am on Magic 100.3 FM. The discussion will be on the fiscal year 2012 budget.

The Chamorro radio talk show program is hosted by Glenn H. Manglona. Featured reports are as follows: world report and program review by former mayor Joseph S. Inos, a report by Thomas D. Mendiola from Rota, a special segment called *Hafa Mohon* with Juanita Mendiola, and a report by David M. Cing from Tinian. Simultaneous Internet streaming via www.magic100radio.com will be available. ***(PR)***

Activities at Cultural Centers headquarters on Saturday

The Inetnon Amot yan Kutturan Natibu/Mwiischil Safey me Kkoor Aramasal Faluw is offering demonstrations on weaving hats, making mwar, rope, banana print, and traditional medicine and food, and lessons on traditional navigation at the Saipan Chamorro-Carolinian Village Cultural Centers Headquarters (1213 Capital Hill Road, across from the Workforce Investment Agency and next to the CNMI Board of Parole Office) this Saturday, Sept. 24, 2011. The demonstrations will last from 9:30am to about 12pm. Children and adult Chamorros and Carolinians are invited to attend. These activities are offered by the Association of Native Medicine and Culture, in partnership with the Indigenous Affairs Office and funded in part by the Administration for Native Americans. For more information, call 322-0278. ***(PR)***

Tanapag school PTSA meeting set

The Tanapag Elementary School will hold a PTSA meeting on Sept. 26, Monday, 5:30pm at the school cafeteria. For more information, call the main office at 664-3425, -26, or -27. ***(PR)***

FOA membership meeting on Sept. 27

The Friends of the Arts will hold first membership meeting of the year at the Taste of India/Templa this Tuesday, Sept. 27, beginning at 6:30pm.

"Come share the evening with your fellow FOA members and families. Enjoy some delicious Indian cuisine and great entertainment provided by FOA and Thespian performers. The board will bring you up-to-date regarding our planning retreat this past summer and with the calendar of all of our events for this upcoming season with the chance to purchase season tickets," said FOA in a media release.

The cost of the meal will be $15 for adults and young adults 12 and above, $8 for youngsters 5 up to 11, and no cost for the little ones 4 and younger. Members that will attend the meeting are advised to e-mail Frank Gibson at flgibson@yahoo.com. ***(FOA)***

Moving Planet on Saturday

The Division of Environmental Quality, Coastal Resource Management Office, and the Mariana Islands Nature Alliance will be hosting an event called Moving Planet on Saturday, Sept. 24, from the Garapan Fishing Basin to American Memorial Park. That portion of Beach Road will be closed for 30 minutes so people could bike, skate, or walk. Once participants complete their route, there will be information booths and presentations on coral bleaching and the effects carbon emissions have on the atmosphere available. Free Moving Planet T-shirts and trees will be given to the first 350 participants that register. ***(PR)***

NMC's ENRO Club, MHS JROTC Unit volunteer

Members of the Environmental and Natural Resources Organization, or ENRO Club, of NMC and the Marianas High School Dolphin Battalion will be dedicating their time for tomorrow's event, Moving Planet. They will help with the setup and maintenance of the registration booth, pass out T-shirts, and provide road guards for this event. Don't miss out! It starts at Garapan Fishing Basin at 6:30am and ends at the American Memorial Park. Free T-shirts go to the first 350 participants and also free trees will be available while supplies last. ***(PR)***

Veterans outreach in September

Tina San Agustin, the Department of Veterans Affairs' legal administrative specialist for Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, will be on Saipan on Sept. 28-29, 2011, for a Veterans Outreach on veterans' federal benefits. She will be also entertaining questions and assisting veterans and all concerned with their claims.

Agustin will be stationed at the Military and Veterans Affairs Office on Capitol Hill, building 1364, Saipan, from 8:30am to 4:30pm on both days.

For those who wish to make an appointment or for further information, contact Bernie B. Dela Cruz at the Office of Military and Veterans Affairs at 664-2650. ***(PR)***

JA volunteer training

There will be a Junior Achievement volunteer training on Saturday, Sept. 24, from 9am to 12pm at Kagman High School. The training will be facilitated by JA Guam executive director Beth Lizama. For more information, email Frances Ulloa at frances.ulloa@cnmipss.org or Galvin Deleon Guerrero at galvin@itec-nmi.com. ***(PR)***

Three free business workshops

The CNMI Small Business Development Center, in partnership with the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, presents three free workshops:

- How to start a business: Sept. 27, 9am to 11am
- How to write a business plan: Sept. 28, 9am to 11am
- How to read a financial statement: Sept. 29, 9am to 11am

The workshops will be held at the Saipan Chamber of Commerce office on the first floor of the Famila Building in Garapan. Deadline for pre-registration is 12:pm, Sept. 26, 2011. For more information, contact Ralph Yumul at 664-3018. ***(PR)***

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NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
for
MEC, LLC

The public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this request for a Conditional Use Permit. Mr. Christopher A. Torres from MEC, LLC is requesting to construct a warehouse structure on lot 380 B New-7-1-2 for warehouse and wholesale operations. This area is located along Tokcha Avenue, just south of Joeten Warehouse in Susupe.

Date: October 06, 2011
Time: 5:00 pm
Place: Zoning Board Conference Room, 2nd flr, Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan

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/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Board Chairman

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Saturday, September 24th

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Business

House kills spending bill with disaster aid

WASHINGTON (AP)—In a rebuke to GOP leaders, the House on Wednesday rejected a measure providing $3.7 billion for disaster relief as part of a bill to keep the government running through mid-November.

The surprise 230-195 defeat came at the hands of Democrats and tea party Republicans.

Democrats were opposed because the measure contains $1.5 billion in cuts to a government loan program to help car companies build fuel-efficient vehicles. For their part, many GOP conservatives felt the underlying bill permits spending at too high a rate.

The outcome sends House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, and his leadership team back to the drawing board as they seek to make sure the government doesn't shut down at the end of next week. It also raises the possibility that the government's main disaster relief program could run out of money early next week for victims of Hurricane Irene and other disasters.

Earlier Wednesday, Rep. Eric Cantor of Virginia, the No. 2 Republican in the House, had confidently predicted the measure would pass.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has only a few days' worth of aid remaining in its disaster relief fund, lawmakers said. The agency already has held up thousands of longer-term rebuilding projects—repairs to sewer systems, parks, roads and bridges, for example—to conserve money to provide emergency relief to victims of recent disasters.

The looming shortage has been apparent for months, and the Obama White House was slow to request additional money.

The underlying stopgap funding measure would finance the government through Nov. 18 to give lawmakers more time to try to reach agreement on the 12 unfinished spending bills needed to run government agencies on a day-to-day basis for the 2012 budget year.

Forty-eight Republican broke with GOP leaders on the vote; six Democrats voted for the measure. Some of the Republicans also came from manufacturing states like Michigan, which benefit from the loan program.

The measure was originally designed by GOP leaders to pass with bipartisan support. Last week, Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer of Maryland and Rep. Norm Dicks of Washington, the top Democrat on the House Appropriations Committee, said publicly that they would vote for it reluctantly.

The underlying stopgap measure was opposed by conservative Republicans unhappy with the spending rates set by the measure, which are line with levels set by last month's budget and debt pact with President Barack Obama. That measure provides about 2 percent more money for Cabinet agency budgets than Republicans proposed when passing a nonbinding budget plan in April. More than 50 Republicans recently wrote to Boehner calling on him to stick to the earlier GOP budget.

IMF: Financial risks rising in US and Europe

WASHINGTON (AP)—The International Monetary Fund says the global financial system faces more challenges than at any point since the 2008 financial crisis.

Europe's debt crisis is spreading to its banks, which hold government debt and may be forced to pull back on lending to conserve cash, the lending organization said Wednesday.

The U.S. economy is being restrained by its depressed housing market. Many homeowners owe more on their mortgages than their homes are worth. That has limited their ability to spend and is holding back growth.

The IMF urged European banks to raise more capital to shore up their finances. If necessary, governments should provide it. And it said the U.S. government should help homeowners reduce their mortgage debt.

"Risks are elevated, and time is running out to tackle vulnerabilities that threaten the global financial system and the ongoing economic recovery," the IMF said in its semi-annual Global Financial Stability report.

The crisis in Europe is entering a dangerous new phase. Fears are growing that Greece may default on its debts. That would destabilize other debt-laden European countries, such as Spain and Italy. It would also cause substantial losses at French, German and other banks.

European leaders should quickly implement an agreement reached in July that provides the region's bailout fund with more flexibility, the IMF said.

The agreement allows the bailout fund to purchase bonds issued by debt-strapped countries such as Greece and Ireland, and would make it easier for Europe to resolve its debt crisis.

And Europe's larger banks, which hold substantial amounts of Greek and other troubled government bonds, should boost their capital reserves, the IMF said. That would protect them in case the bonds lose more of their value or Greece defaults on its debts.

The capital should come from private markets, the IMF said. But if that isn't available, governments should provide the funds.

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2nd AMENDED NOTICE TO BIDDERS

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY (CPA) is inviting qualified contractors to submit their qualifications and bid proposals for the **DRAINAGE SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT/ UPGRADE, FRANCISCO C. ADA SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT,COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, AIP NO. 3-69-0002-62/65/67, CPA-SA-003-09.**

Sealed Proposals will be received at the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, at Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at **2:00 PM, SEPTEMBER 23, 2011**, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The Project, in general, consists of the Drainage System Improvement/Upgrade to include the replacement of the damaged roof waterproofing with existing insulation board and diversion of the roof drain all in accordance with the plans and specifications.

The Project is being financed by funds from U.S. Federal Aviation Administration. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within sixty (60) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for ninety (90) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for construction of the project shall be in 240 calendar days. The contractor shall be assessed with the liquidated damages in the amount of $500/day if the completion of the Project is delayed beyond the contract time without excuse.

The apparent low bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous project experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

All mechanics and laborers on the project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 70-24 of the specifications.

Each bidder must complete, sign, and furnish the "Bidder's Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause", a "Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities", and the "Assurance of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Participation", as contained in the bid proposal documents, with the submission of the Bid Proposal.

Bid proposal and contract documents including plans and specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS ($150.00)** for each set of plan documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. This payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the CONFERENCE ROOM, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, ~~**10:00 AM, AUGUST 12, 2011**~~, to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. A site visit will follow right after the pre-bid conference. Attendance is mandatory to all prospective bidders. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the pre-bid conference. Contractors are required to attend the pre-bid meeting.

Each proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders are encouraged to use the CD bid schedule form. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; (c) any calculation error made in the bid schedule or misenter the quantity of line item; or (d) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

The proposed contract is under and subject to Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375 dated October 13, 1977, and Section 60-1.4(b) of the regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR 60-1) as implemented by Section 152.61 of the Federal Aviation Regulations, and to the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Federal Labor provisions.

All labor on the project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rates established by CNMI Law or Federal Law, whichever is higher. The Contractor shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract.

Each bidder must supply all information required by the bid proposal documents and specifications.

The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A contractor having 50 or more employees and any subcontractor having 50 or more employees and who may be awarded a contract of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.00) or more, will be required to maintain an affirmative action program, the standards for which are contained in the specifications. To be eligible for award, each bidder must comply with the affirmative action requirements.

In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award of any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement.

Women will be afforded equal opportunity in all areas of employment. However, the employment of women shall not diminish the standards or requirements for employment of minorities.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by US Treasury listed surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than **ten percent (10%)** of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

The proposed contract is under and subject to the foreign trade restrictions required by 49 CFR Part 30, Denial of Public Works Contracts to Supplier of Goods and Services of Countries that Deny Procurement Market Access to U.S. Contractors.

The Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 provides that preference be given to steel and manufactured products produced in the United States when funds are expended pursuant to a grant issued under the Airport Improvement Program.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ JOSE R. LIFOIFOI
Board Chairman/Contracting Officer

Date: September 8, 2011

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ADDENDUM NO. 1
09-05-11
RFQ11-GOV-134
A&E Re-Design of the Puerto Rico Dump Closure

The previously advertised notice, Request for Qualification ("RFQ") for the **"A&E Re-Design of the Puerto Rico Dump Closure"** has been amended. The specific amendment is to include Scope of Work, extension of bids due and bids opening date and extension of performance time to one hundred eighty (180) calendar days. Amendment shall read:

B*ids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than* ***10:00 a.m. ChST October 13, 2011****. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. ChST October 13,2011, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than* ***October 13, 2011*** *and must be received no later than* ***October 24, 2011 ChST****. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid. Questions regarding the RFQ must be submitted in writing to Mr. James R. Stump, CIP Contracting Officer, or fax to (670) 664-2408, no later than 4:30 p.m. ChST September 27, 2011.*

All other elements of the RFQ remain as originally provided. For further information on this project, please contact the Capital Improvement Office, during working hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. – Monday through Friday, except holidays) or by contacting Mr. Carl Castro, Contracting Officer Technical Representative at (670)664-2371 or by fax at (670)664-2408. Questions are due no later than close of business day September 27, 2011.

/s/ Eloy S. Inos, Lieutenant Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director
Procurement & Supply

Nation

Ga. executes Davis; supporters claim injustice

JACKSON, Ga. (AP)—Georgia executed Troy Davis on Wednesday night for the murder of an off-duty police officer, a crime he denied committing right to the end as supporters around the world mourned and declared that an innocent man was put to death. As he lay strapped to a gurney in the death chamber, Davis told relatives of Mark MacPhail that he was not responsible for his 1989 slaying. "I did not have a gun," he insisted.

"All I can ask ... is that you look deeper into this case so that you really can finally see the truth," he said.

He asked his friends and family to "continue to fight this fight." Of prison officials he said, "may God have mercy on your souls. May God bless your souls

Davis was declared dead at 11:08 p.m. The lethal injection began about 15 minutes earlier, after the Supreme Court rejected an 11th-hour request for a stay. The court did not comment on its order, which came about four hours after it received the request and more than three hours after the planned execution time.

Hundreds of thousands of people signed petitions on Davis' behalf, and prominent supporters included an ex-president and an ex-FBI director, liberals and conservatives. His attorneys said seven of nine key witnesses against him disputed all or parts of their testimony, but state and federal judges repeatedly ruled against him—three times on Wednesday alone. MacPhail's widow, Joan MacPhail-Harris, said there was "nothing to rejoice," but that it was "a time for healing for all families."

"I will grieve for the Davis family because now they're going to understand our pain and our hurt," she said in a telephone interview from Jackson. "My prayers go out to them. I have been praying to them all these years. And I pray there will be some peace along the way for them."

Davis' supporters staged vigils in the U.S. and Europe, declaring "I am Troy Davis" on signs, T-shirts and the Internet. Some tried increasingly frenzied measures, urging prison workers to stay home and even posting a judge's phone number online, hoping people will press him to put a stop to the lethal injection. President Barack Obama deflected calls for him to get involved.

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This undated file photo provided by the Georgia Department of Corrections shows death row inmate Troy Davis.

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NOTICE OF SALE
UNDER POWER OF SALE
IN DEED OF TRUST

ELISA P. AQUININGOC/JESSE P. AQUININGOC (collectively "Trustor"), on or about December 4, 1998, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on December 10, 1998 under Document No. 98-4068 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

Lot No. 008 T 114
Containing an area of 923 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat No. 008 T 01 dated January 7, 1988, Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 88-161, dated January 19, 1988, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on March 13, 2009. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$38,500.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within three (3) working days from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.
The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$38,500.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

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Dated this 31st day of August, 2011.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
Corporate Director

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GINA K. SOMORANG/ SOLEDAD K. SOMORANG AND MIGUEL O. SOMORANG (collectively "Trustor"), on or about May 02, 1984, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on May 03, 1984, under Document No. 84-686 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NO. 005 I 548, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 885 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN ON THE DIVISION OF LANDS AND SURVEYE'S OFFICIAL CADASTRAL PLAT NUMBER 2084/82, THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH WAS REGISTERED WITH THE LAND REGISTRY AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 14232 DATED MAY 14, 1982, THE DESCRIPTION THEREIN BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on November 24, 2008. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$36,400.00.** Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

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The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$36,400.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

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Dated this 31st day of August, 2011.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
Corporate Director

Notice of Zoning Board Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Zoning Board will be held on Thursday, October 6, 2011 at 5:00 PM, Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten DanDan Commercial Bldg., Saipan

A. Preliminary Matters
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of September 1, 2011 minutes
5. Public Comments (not related to files for discussion under item B. Public Hearings)

B. Public Hearings
1. Conditional Use Application 2011-1800: Mr. Christopher A. Torres from MEC, LLC is requesting to construct a warehouse structure on lot 380 B New-7-1-2 for warehouse and wholesale operations. This area is located between Tokcha Avenue, Tupak Street, and Texas road in Susupe.
2. Conditional Use Application #2011-1828: Mr. Li Xiang Ming from An Manufacturing is proposing to manufacture hollow blocks on lot 550New-8-R1. This area is located along Afetnas Road, San Antonio.
3. Rezone Application #2011-1648: Mr. Xiong Hui is requesting to rezone lot E.A. 883-1 from "Rural" to "Industrial", for the storage of construction materials and equipments and to operate a vehicle repair shop. This area is located at the former site of Black Micro Corporation in Kannat Tabla, adjacent to the CMS Quarry.

C. Communications/ Reports

D. Old Business
1. None

E. New Business.
1. Update on SZL text amendments
2. Office operations report

F. Executive (Closed) Session

G. Miscellaneous: Other Matters, Announcements, Next Meeting, Adjourn.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the Board meeting, or if you require assistance, please contact Therese T. Ogumoro, Acting Zoning Administrator, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & 10 CMC 3511, et seq.).

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Zoning Board Chairman

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DONNA Q. KAPILEO and DONOVAN K. TECHUR (collectively "Trustor"), on or about November 16, 1999, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on November 23, 1999 under Document No. 99-2778 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

Lot No. 011 G 1091, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 011 G 20, the original of which was recorded 09 Dec 93 as Document No. 93-4288 at Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on March 13, 2009. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$36,400.00.** Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

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Dated this 31st day of August, 2011.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
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LUCIA M. DELEON GUERRERO ("Trustor"), on or about May 23, 1985, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on May 23, 1985, under Document No. 85-0991 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

TRACT NUMBER 20472-6, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 907 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON DRAWING/CADASTRAL PLAT NUMBER 2064/82, THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH WAS REGISTERED WITH THE LAND COMMISSION AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 14154, ON THE 26TH OF MARCH, 1982.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on November 24, 2008. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$84,000.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

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Dated this 31st day of August, 2011.

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JOHN ALAN C. KING AND CARLA MARIE DLC. KING (collectively"Trustor"), on or about November 08, 2002, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on December 12, 2003, under Document No. 03-2781 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NO. 330 R 321 CONTAINING AS AREA OF 838 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS AS SHOWN ON THE DIVEISION OF LANDS AND SURVEYS OFFICIAL CADASTRAL PLAT NO. 330 R 08 DATED NOVEMBER 19, 1996, COMMONWEALTH RECORDER'S FILE NO. 97-746, DATED APRIL 02, 1996, THE DESRIPTION THEREIN BEING INCROPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on December 02, 2008. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011,** at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$36,000.00.** Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

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Corporate Director

Romney questions Perry's stance on Social Security

MIAMI (AP)—Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney on Wednesday questioned how Rick Perry would fix Social Security as the focus of the GOP presidential race turns to senior citizen-rich Florida this week.

In a likely preview of a Thursday debate in Orlando, Romney took issue with Perry's contention in a recently published book that each of the 50 states would better handle the huge federal program.

"In my opinion, this does not work in any way, shape or form," Romney, the former Massachusetts governor, said at a town hall meeting attended by about 75 people." Romney also asserted that Perry called Social Security "unconstitutional" and added: "I believe it is constitutional. I think that's proven and settled."

While Perry indeed roundly criticized Social Security in his book, he didn't use the word unconstitutional. Rather, Perry branded the program the "best example" of the "fraud" and "bad disease" spread by Washington in Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal. Perry furthermore criticized the Supreme Court of that era for "abdicating its role as the protector of constitutional federalism."

Romney's criticism marks the start of an important three-day stretch for the GOP presidential field in the perennial battleground state of Florida. There's Thursday's debate, with events sponsored by the social conservative group Faith and Freedom Coalition stretching into Friday and a nonbinding test vote of party faithful on Saturday.

Perry, the Texas governor and current GOP front-runner in recent national polls, was also in Florida on Wednesday at a pair of private fundraisers, one in Fort Lauderdale and one in Palm Beach County.

While Perry made clear in his book what he thinks about Social Security, he hasn't provided specifics about what he would do if elected president to the program that millions of senior citizens depend on.

ACROSS THE NATION

Experts: Pilot likely unconscious in Reno crash

RENO, Nev. (AP)—The veteran aviator whose plane slammed into a crowd of Nevada air race spectators at 400 mph had no chance to save his ill-fated flight after likely losing consciousness from acceleration more abrupt and extreme than even what most fighter pilots endure, flying experts said. Jimmy Leeward's aircraft shot skyward like a rocket Friday before plunging into spectators at what appeared to be full throttle. Federal investigators continue to look for a cause of the crash at the National Championship Air Races that killed 11 people, including Leeward, and injured dozens, but have yet to come to a conclusion, something that could take months.

White supremacist executed for Texas dragging

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP)—White supremacist gang member Lawrence Russell Brewer was executed Wednesday evening for the infamous dragging death slaying of James Byrd Jr., a black man from East Texas. Byrd, 49, was chained to the back of a pickup truck and pulled whip-like to his death along a bumpy asphalt road in one of the most grisly hate crime murders in recent Texas history. Brewer, 44, was asked if he had any final words, to which he replied: "No. I have no final statement." A single tear hung on the edge of his right eye.

Hawaii zip line accident leaves 1 dead, 1 injured

HILO, Hawaii (AP)—A tower collapsed during a test run of a zip line in Hawaii, sending one worker falling to his death and critically injuring another. Police say the man doing the test run—a 36-year-old from Maui—was halfway across the 2,300-foot span when the tower collapsed Wednesday. He fell about 200 feet and died at the scene. The other man—a 35-year-old from Ohio—was standing on the tower and fell about 30 feet.

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The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

Lot 001 C 57, (part of Lot 001 C 26, which was part of Lot 001 C 15, which was part of Lot 001 C 13, which was part of original Lot 001 C 5, TD 697), as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 001 C 11, the original of which was recorded 05 JUN as Document No. 98-1697 at Commonwealth Recorder's Saipan.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on March 13, 2009. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$66,500.00.** Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within three (3) working days from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$66,500.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The lease price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Dated this 31st day of August , 2011.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
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NOTICE OF SALE
UNDER POWER OF SALE
IN DEED OF TRUST

JUAN F. BARCINAS and BARBARA DLC. EVANGELISTA (collectively "Trustor"), on or about June 14, 1983, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on June 16, 1983, under Document No. 17490 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT 001 T 52, AS SHOWN ON THE DIVISION OF LANDS AND SURVEY'S OFFICIAL CADASTRAL PLAT NUMBER 001 T 00, DATED AUGUST 14, 1969, AND CONTAINING AN AREA OF 1,486 SQUARE METERS.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on September 12, 2008. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$92,800.00.** Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairperson of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$92,800.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The lease price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Dated this 31st day of August, 2011.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
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NOTICE OF SALE
UNDER POWER OF SALE
IN DEED OF TRUST

LORETTA K. DELEON GUERRERO ("Trustor"), on or about June 29, 1998, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on June 30, 1998, under Document No. 98-1942 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NO. 010 K 05, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 892 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON DRAWING/CADASTRAL PLAT NUMBER 010 K 01 DATED AUGUST 19, 1987, COMMONWEALTH RECORDER'S FILE NO. 87-2911 DATED AUGUST 19, 1987, THE DESCRIPTION THEREIN BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on November 24, 2008. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$40,600.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$40,600.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The lease price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Dated this 31st day of August , 2011.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
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NOTICE OF SALE
UNDER POWER OF SALE
IN DEED OF TRUST

MARIA A. TEREGEYO ("Trustor"), on or about June 6, 1984, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on June 6, 1984 under Document No. 84-881 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

Lot No. 005 I 494, containing an area of 745 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat Number 2084/82, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry as Document Number 14232 dated May 14, 1982, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on March 13, 2009. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$80,500.00.** Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within three working days from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$80,500.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The lease price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Dated this 31st day of August, 2011.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
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NOTICE OF SALE
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IN DEED OF TRUST

VICENTE W. KAIPAT and LEONILA S. KAIPAT (collectively "Trustor"), on or about April 21, 1994, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation formerly known as Marianas Island Housing Authority ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on May 10, 1994, under Document No. 94-1199 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

Lot No. 005 I 330, containing an area of 1,109 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Survey's Official Cadastral Plat No. 005 I 07, dated September 8, 1982, Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 18433, dated September 30, 1983 the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its 2nd Notice of Default and served to Trustor on September 5, 2008. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$32,000.00.** Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$32,000.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The lease price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Dated this 31st day of August , 2011.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
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NOTICE OF SALE
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IN DEED OF TRUST

VINCENT N. ITAMAN/ ROSA L. TAMAN/ VINCENTE E. TAMAN (collectively "Trustor"), on or about April 27, 1984, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on April 27, 1984 under Document No. 84-659 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NUMBER 005 I 531, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 745 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN ON THE DIVISION OF LANDS AND SURVEY'S OFFICIAL CADASTRAL PLAT NUMBER 2084/82, THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH WAS REGISTERED WITH THE LAND REGISTRY AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 14232 DATED MAY 14, 1982, THE DESCRIPTION THEREIN BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on December 10, 2008. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$30,800.00.** Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$30,800.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The lease price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Dated this 31st day of August, 2011.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
Corporate Director

Asia

ASIAN BRIEFS

Typhoon buffets Tokyo, dumps rain in tsunami zone

TOKYO (AP)—A powerful typhoon slammed into Japan Wednesday, halting trains and leaving 13 people dead or missing in south-central regions before grazing a crippled nuclear plant and heaping rain on the tsunami-ravaged northeast. Officials at the Fukushima Dai-ichi plant, where engineers are still struggling with small radiation leaks due to tsunami damage, expressed relief that Typhoon Roke's driving winds and rain caused no immediate problems there other than a broken security camera. "The worst seems to be over," said Takeo Iwamoto, spokesman for plant operator Tokyo Electric Power Co., after the storm passed just west of the plant on its way north.

ASEAN meeting attempts to calm South China Sea row

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippines has convened the first meeting of regional maritime experts to study Manila's proposal for avoiding conflict over disputed South China Sea islands but even the host is acknowledging it's a process fraught with difficulties. Two senior Filipino diplomats told The Associated Press that China has protested the two-day meeting that started Thursday. China claims the entire South China Sea as its own. The meeting is limited to maritime and legal experts from the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations. The Philippine proposal being discussed includes delineating the disputed islands so claimant countries could demilitarize and turn them into "zones of friendship."

Boy in Philippines shoots friend, self in mall

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—A 13-year-old boy who shot his 16-year-old friend inside a busy Philippine mall then turned the weapon on himself died Wednesday and left the other boy brain dead, raising questions about gun control in a country awash in firearms. Authorities were investigating how the 13-year-old obtained the .22-caliber pistol and smuggled it into the mall in Pampanga province's Mexico township, area police chief Wilson Santos said. He said the shooting Tuesday was a crime of passion and that the boys were in a romantic relationship after meeting through Facebook in May. The young age of the victims has stunned a nation accustomed to violent crime—U.N. figures show that the Philippines ranked 10th worldwide in 2005 for homicides involving guns.

17 dead in landslides at plant hit by India quake

MANGAN, India (AP)—Soldiers in northeastern India cleared a path Wednesday to a hydroelectric project where 17 people were confirmed killed by landslides in a powerful Himalayan earthquake, bringing the overall toll in the disaster to 99. The 6.9 magnitude quake Sunday evening claimed lives in northeastern India, Tibet and Nepal. Rescue efforts have been hampered by heavy rain and mudslides that blocked the roads leading to villages in the remote, mountainous region. Several of those slides hit the area around the hydroelectric plant being built along the Teesta, a glacier-fed river in the Himalayas in the northern part of the Indian state of Sikkim.

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GUADALUPE O. BORJA ("Trustor"), on or about October 16, 1984, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on October 16, 1984 under Document No. 84-2185 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

Lot No. 017 D 35, containing an area of 900 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat Number 017 D 00, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry as document number 4842, on the 11th day of September, 1975.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on March 13, 2009. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$67,900.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within three (3) working days from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$67,900.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The lease price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Dated this 31st day of August, 2011.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
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NOTICE OF SALE
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IN DEED OF TRUST

JOSEPH B. SONGSONG and MARIA M. SONSONG (collectively "Trustor"), on or about April 2, 1982, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation formerly known as Marianas Island Housing Authority ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on April 2, 1982, under Document No. 14220 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

TRACT NUMBER 21899-2, AND CONTAINING AN AREA OF 767 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON DRAWING/CADASTRAL PLAT NUMBER 2086/81, THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH WAS REGISTERED WITH THE LAND REGISTRY AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 12450, ON THE 9TH DAY OF JULY, 1981.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on July 01, 2005. Thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$30,800.00** the total amount due under the USDA, Rural Development loan including Trustee's expenses. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$30,800.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The lease price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Dated this 31st day of August, 2011.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
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NOTICE OF SALE
UNDER POWER OF SALE
IN DEED OF TRUST

BLAS T. MAGOFNA ("Trustor"), on or about January 12, 1995, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on January 20, 1995, under Document No. 95-143 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NO. 002 B 12, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 737 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN ON THE DIVISION OF LANDS AND SURVEY'S OFFICIAL CADASTRAL PLAT NUMBER 5014/94, DATED FEBRUARY 7, 1994, COMMONWEALTH RECORDER'S FILE NO. 94-396, DATED FEBRUARY 10, 1994, THE DESCRIPTION THEREIN BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on September 12, 2008. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$54,400.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Acting Chairperson of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$54,400.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The lease price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Dated this 31st day of August, 2011.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
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NOTICE OF SALE
UNDER POWER OF SALE
IN DEED OF TRUST

MARINA A. BAUTISTA and LORETO L. BAUTISTA (collectively "Trustor"), on or about November 15, 1999, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on November 15, 1999, under Document No. 99-2777 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NO. 011 G 972, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 781 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN ON THE DIVISION OF LANDS AND SURVEY'S OFFICIAL CADASTRAL PLAT NUMBER 011 G 18, DATED DECEMBER 3, 1993, COMMONWEALTH RECORDER'S FILE NO. 93-4286, DATED DECEMBER 9, 1993, THE DESCRIPTION THEREIN BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on September 12, 2008. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$49,000.00.** Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairperson of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$49,000.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The lease price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Dated this 31st day of August, 2011.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
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NOTICE OF SALE
UNDER POWER OF SALE
IN DEED OF TRUST

REGINA T. CASTRO ("Trustor"), on or about October 23, 1984, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on October 23, 1984, under Document No. 84-2264 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NUMBER 005 B 09, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 407 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON DRAWING/CADASTRAL PLAT NUMBER 005 B 00, THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH WAS REGISTERED WITH THE LAND REGISTRY AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 832, ON THE 9TH DAY OF JUNE, 1971.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on November 24, 2008. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$60,000.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$60,000.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The lease price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Dated this 31st day of August, 2011.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
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NOTICE OF SALE
UNDER POWER OF SALE
IN DEED OF TRUST

RICARDO P. CASTRO and LORENZA P. CASTRO (collectively "Trustor"), on or about October 8, 1998, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on October 16, 1998 under Document No. 98-3276 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

Lot No. 011 G 685
Containing an area of 845 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plate No. 011 G 14 dated December 1, 1993 , Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 93-4182, dated December 3, 1993, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on March 13, 2009. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011,** at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$38,500.00.** Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within three (3) working days from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$38,500.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The lease price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Dated this 31st day of August, 2011.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
Corporate Director

World

Obama, Europeans press Palestinians to drop UN bid

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—Furiously scrambling to head off a U.N. showdown, the United States warned world leaders Wednesday that trying to create a Palestinian nation by simple decree instead of through hard negotiations was bound to fail as a shortcut to peace with Israel. Europeans worked to defuse the dispute, too, France urging new talks within a month.

Undeterred, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas pressed toward a formal bid for U.N. recognition that could bring the issue to a head on Friday.

Addressing the U.N., President Barack Obama and French President Nicolas Sarkozy offered different solutions to defuse the diplomatic crisis.

WORLD BRIEFS

Americans freed from Iran prison begin trek home

MUSCAT, Oman (AP)—After more than two years in Iranian custody, two Americans convicted as spies took their first steps toward home Wednesday as they bounded down from a private jet and into the arms of family for a joyful reunion in the Gulf state of Oman. The families called this "the best day of our lives," and President Barack Obama said their release—under a $1 million bail-for-freedom deal—"wonderful news." The release capped complicated diplomatic maneuvers over a week of confusing signals by Iran's leadership on the fate of Josh Fattal and Shane Bauer. Although the fate of the two gripped America, it was on the periphery of the larger showdowns between Washington and Tehran that include Iran's nuclear program and its ambitions to widen military and political influence in the Middle East and beyond. But—for a moment at least—U.S. officials may be adding words of thanks in addition to their calls for alarm over Iran.

Dumping of 35 bodies seen as challenge to Zetas

VERACRUZ, Mexico (AP)—A gang known to be aligned with Mexico's most-wanted drug lord appears to be making a violent challenge to the dominant cartel and Mexican officials in the Gulf state of Veracruz, dumping 35 bodies on a busy avenue in front of horrified motorists near where the nation's top prosecutors were about to start a convention. The cartel known as the New Generation unloaded the bound, seminude, tortured bodies during rush hour Tuesday as part of a several-month campaign to take the strategic port of Veracruz now controlled by the Zetas drug gang, an official in the Mexican armed forces told The Associated Press on Wednesday. All 35 victims, who included 12 women and two minors, were linked to the Zetas cartel, said the official, who couldn't be quoted by name for security reasons.

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NOTICE OF SALE
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IN DEED OF TRUST

CARMENT T. ANDON and SAMUEL M. ANDON (collectively "Trustor"), on or about October 22, 2004, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on November 2, 2004, under Document No. 04-2544 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NO. 011 G 308, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 797 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN ON THE DIVISION OF LANDS AND SURVEY'S OFFICIAL CADASTRAL PLAT NUMBER 011 G 06, DATED DECEMBER 9, 1993, COMMONWEALTH RECORDER'S FILE NO. 93-4414, DATED DECEMBER 16, 1993, THE DESCRIPTION THEREIN BEING INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its 2nd Notice of Default and served to Trustor on September 12, 2008. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$42,000.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairperson of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$42,000.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The lease price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Dated this 31st day of August, 2011.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
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NOTICE OF SALE
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IN DEED OF TRUST

ELOY T. DELA CRUZ and SHIRLEY ANN R. DELA CRUZ (collectively "Trustor"), on or about October 23, 2002, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on October 29, 2002, under Document No. 02-2209 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

Lot No. 002 G 263, containing an area of 929 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat No. 002 G 07 dated May 31, 1989, Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 90-1904, dated May 14, 1990, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its 2nd Notice of Default and served to Trustor on September 5, 2008. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$56,000.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$56,000.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The lease price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Dated this 31st day of August, 2011.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
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NOTICE OF SALE
UNDER POWER OF SALE
IN DEED OF TRUST

ESTHER A. CASTRO and WAYNE T. ALDAN (collectively "Trustor"), on or about September 20, 2001, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on October 2, 2001 under Document No. 01-2164 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

Lot No. 330 R 21 containing an area of 838 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat No. 330 R 02, dated March 13, 1992, Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 92-858, dated March 16, 1992, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on March 13, 2009. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$34,400.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

The sale shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The purchase price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within three (3) working days from time of sale.

Trustee reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place for sale of such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real property in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The further right is reserved, in the absence of satisfactory bids for the outright sale of the said parcel of real property to a qualified buyer, to offer such property at the same time and place, or at a later time, for long-term lease to any person on the usual terms and conditions for long term leases of real property offered by the Trustee to the highest bidder for such lease. The minimum bid amount of **$34,400.00** shall also apply with lump sum payment for the term of the lease.

The lease shall be without warranty as to the title or interest to be conveyed or as to the property under the Deed of Trust, other than that the Trustee is the lawful holder of such Deed of Trust. The lease price shall be payable by cash, certified check or cashier's check to NMHC and shall be paid within 72 hours from time of sale.

Dated this 31st day of August, 2011.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
Corporate Director

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NOTICE OF SALE
UNDER POWER OF SALE
IN DEED OF TRUST

HERMAN M. GUERRERO aka Herman M. Deleon Guerrero and Asunta T. Guerrero aka Asunta T. Deleon Guerrero (collectively "Trustor"), on or about July 18, 1983, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on July 18, 1983, under Document No. 17740 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

Tract number 20472-9, and containing an area of 926 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on drawing/cadastral plat number 2064/82, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry as document number 14154, on the 26th day of March, 1982.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on September 5, 2008. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$63,000.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Merced M. Tomokane, Chairman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

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NOTICE OF SALE
UNDER POWER OF SALE
IN DEED OF TRUST

IGNACIO A. CABRERA AND ANA B. CABRERA (collectively "Trustor"), on or about October 20, 1983, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on October 21, 1983 under Document No. 83-90 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NO. 006 T 18, AND CONTAINING AN AREA OF 901 SQUARE METERS, MORE OR LESS, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON DRAWING/CADASTRAL PLAT NUMBER 006 T 01, THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH WAS REGISTERED WITH THE LAND REGISTRY AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 18011, ON THE 7TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1983

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on December 10, 2008. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$54,600.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

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NOTICE OF SALE
UNDER POWER OF SALE
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ANTONIA T. TEIGITA/EFRAIN T. TEIGITA (collectively "Trustor"), on or about August 1, 1984, gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office ("USDA"), formerly known as Farmers Home Administration, United States of America ("FmHA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on August 1, 1984 under Document No. 84-1366 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the USDA, Rural Development Office.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

Lot No. 003 B 16, and containing an area of 1,117 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat Number 003 B 02, the original of which was registered with the Land Commission as Document 5979, on the 4th day of April, 1977.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default, Trustee issued its Notice of Default and served to Trustor on March 13, 2009. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2 CMC § 4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trustee will, on **October 4, 2011**, at 10:00 a.m., at the office of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, Garapan, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. The minimum bid offer shall be not less than **$53,600.00**. Sealed bids will be opened at the auction and those present will be given the opportunity to submit an additional bid, thereby, outbidding the highest sealed bid amount received by NMHC and opened on the date of the auction.

Sealed bids must be addressed to Ms. Merced M. Tomokane, Chairwoman of the Board, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950 and must also be received no later than **October 3, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. All bids received from outside the Commonwealth must be received no later than October 3, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Untimely sealed bids will be rejected.**

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Dated this 31st day of August , 2011.

By: /s/ JOSHUA T. SASAMOTO
Corporate Director

Off The Wall

Orange goo near remote Alaska village ID'd as eggs

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—Scientists have identified an orange-colored gunk that appeared along the shore of a remote Alaska village as millions of microscopic eggs filled with fatty droplets.

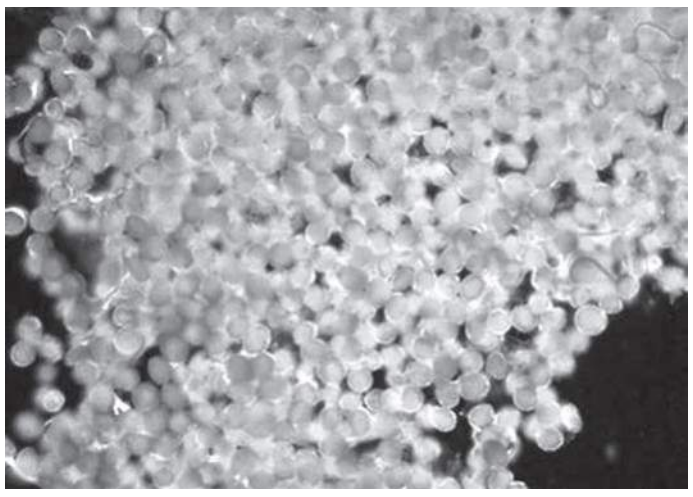
But the mystery is not quite solved. Officials with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said Monday they don't know for sure what species the eggs are, although they believe they are some kind of crustacean eggs or embryos. They also don't know if the eggs are toxic, and that worries many of the 374 residents of Kivalina, an Inupiat Eskimo community located at the tip of an 8-mile barrier reef on Alaska's northwest coast.

There's been at least one report of dead minnows found in the lagoon of the village the night the eggs appeared last week. Residents also are worried about the community's dwindling reserves in village water tanks even though the orange mass has dissipated from the lagoon and Wulik River, said city administrator Janet Mitchell.

"It seems to be all gone," she said. "But if they're microscopic eggs, who's to say they're not still in the river?"

Scientists also don't know why the unidentified eggs suddenly emerged on the shores of Kivalina last week. Villagers say they've never seen such a phenomenon before.

"We'll probably find some clues, but we'll likely never have a definitive answer on that," NOAA spokeswoman Julie Speegle said.



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This Aug. 6, 2011 photo provided by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration shows a magnified close up of a sample of orange gunk tested by NOAA scientists in Juneau, Alaska.

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Charges for Colo. woman who ran Chihuahua by car

BOULDER, Colo. (AP)—A dog-sitter's shortcut led to criminal charges for a Colorado woman who ran a Chihuahua alongside her car at 10 to 15 mph. The Daily Camera reports that 29-year-old Joan Renee Zalk of Boulder faces animal cruelty and felony menacing charges after witnesses confronted her Friday morning for running the pup alongside her Toyota Camry. The newspaper reports that Zalk told officers the dog, named Cooper, "goes ballistic" if it doesn't walk 3 miles a day. Witnesses called police after seeing the leashed dog struggling to keep up with the car. Zalk reportedly said the dog was fine. Zalk is free on bond. Cooper was uninjured and was taken to a local shelter. The dog was expected to be released to its owner, who was out of town at the time of the incident.

Police: Would-be robber ID'd by bright blue eyes

AVALON, Pa. (AP)—Police in a Pittsburgh suburb say a man's bright blue eyes helped a convenience store clerk identify him as a would-be robbery. Nineteen-year-old Conor McClelland, of Bellevue, is charged with walking into a Marathon Quik Serve gas station last week and demanding cash. The clerk tells police she recognized McClelland as a regular customer—despite the fact that he was wearing a hoodie and a bandanna over his face—because of his distinctive blue eyes. Avalon police Chief Thomas Kokoski tells WPXI-TV that McClelland ran away without any money and was hiding near a building where he was staying across the street from the store when police found him. The chief says McClelland also had drug paraphernalia.

World eating champ defends title at Ohio contest

CINCINNATI (AP)—The top-ranked competitive eater in the world and reigning king of the World Bratwurst Eating Championship has defended his title in Cincinnati, washing down 35 brats in 10 minutes.

The Cincinnati Enquirer reports that Joey "Jaws" Chestnut approaches the contest like a sport.

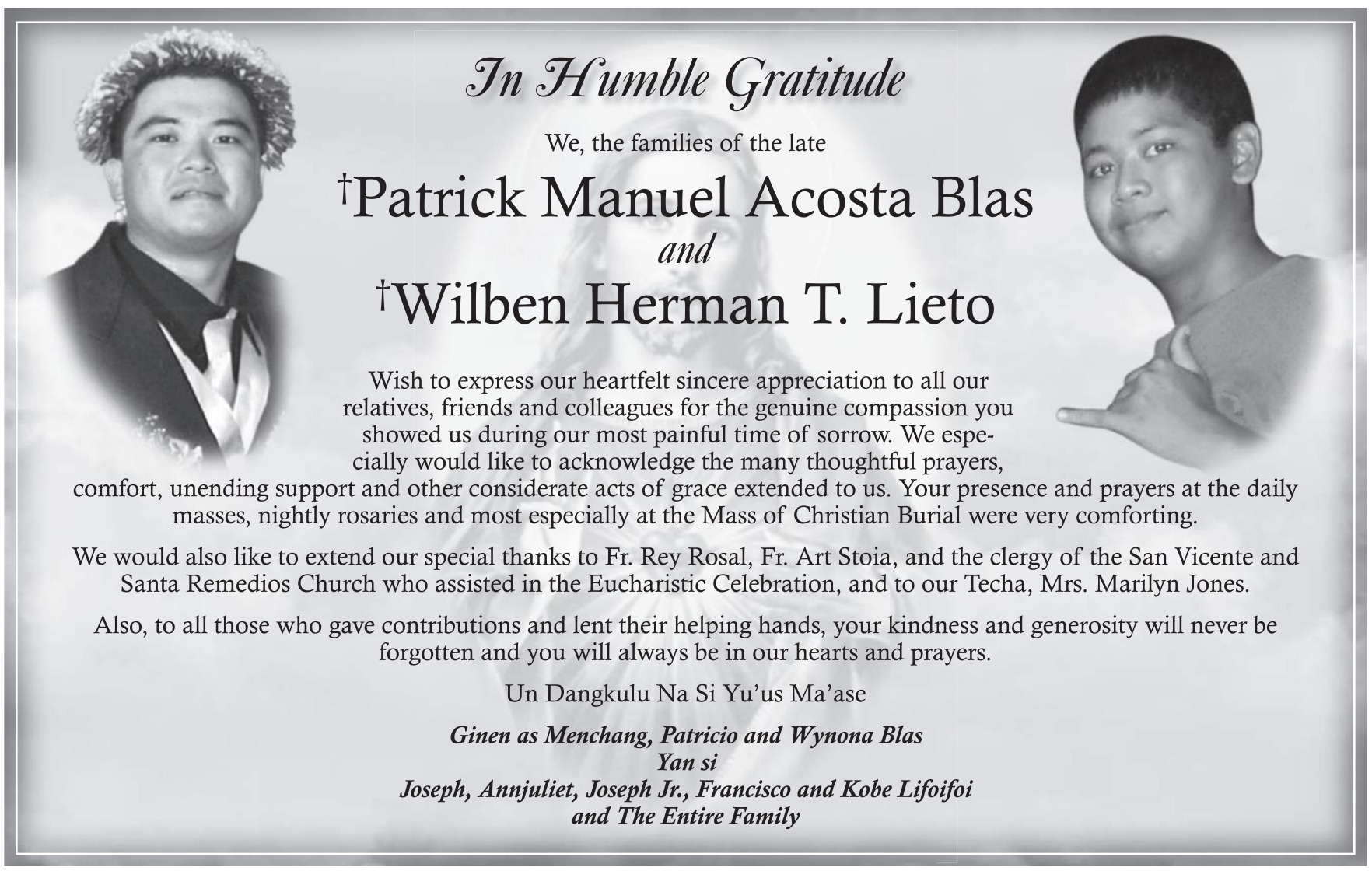
Chestnut, a construction manager in San Jose, Calif., says he prepares by fasting for two to three days before the contest, which took place at Oktoberfest Zinzinnati, North America's largest Oktoberfest.

The 10 male competitors put away 170 brats in 10 minutes Saturday during the officially sanctioned contest.

One observer called the contest "pretty wild" and said he didn't know whether to throw up or get a brat for himself.

For his victory, Chestnut won $2,000 and a golden Oktoberfest-Zinzinnati chicken hat.

MOVING PLANET SAIPAN
24 SEPT 2011
TO GET US MOVING BEYOND FOSSIL FUELS
WE'RE HERE 391ppm
WE NEED TO GET BELOW: 350ppm
CO2 in the atmosphere
FREE T-SHIRTS FOR THE FIRST 350 PEOPLE.
DON'T FORGET YOUR HELMETS!
Jump on your bike, get on skates or just on foot. Show the people power that is needed to move the world beyond fossil fuels.
This September 24, people all around the world are joining together for Moving Planet--a worldwide rally to demand solutions to the climate crisis. We'll use this one day to help move beyond fossil fuels. Bring your friends, families, neighbors and co-workers. Come be a part of a global effort to combat climate change. Learn about climate change and the Micronesia Challenge and how to look out for coral bleaching events.
Date: Saturday, September 24, 2011
Registration: 6:30 a.m.
Meeting place: Garapan Fishing Base
Route: Garapan Fishing Base to American Memorial Park, Garapan (drinks will be provided at the end of the bike ride and a presentation on coral watch).
This is an eco-friendly event! Water and ice will be provided, but we encourage you to bring your own water bottles. Free trees will also be given away while supplies last.
This is a Micronesia Challenge event sponsored by the Coral Reef Initiative, DEQ, CRM, and the Mariana Islands Nature Alliance (MINA).


In Humble Gratitude
We, the families of the late
†Patrick Manuel Acosta Blas
and
†Wilben Herman T. Lieto
Wish to express our heartfelt sincere appreciation to all our relatives, friends and colleagues for the genuine compassion you showed us during our most painful time of sorrow. We especially would like to acknowledge the many thoughtful prayers, comfort, unending support and other considerate acts of grace extended to us. Your presence and prayers at the daily masses, nightly rosaries and most especially at the Mass of Christian Burial were very comforting.
We would also like to extend our special thanks to Fr. Rey Rosal, Fr. Art Stoia, and the clergy of the San Vicente and Santa Remedios Church who assisted in the Eucharistic Celebration, and to our Techa, Mrs. Marilyn Jones.
Also, to all those who gave contributions and lent their helping hands, your kindness and generosity will never be forgotten and you will always be in our hearts and prayers.
Un Dangkulu Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase
Ginen as Menchang, Patricio and Wynona Blas
Yan si
Joseph, Annjuliet, Joseph Jr., Francisco and Kobe Lifoifoi
and The Entire Family

Science & Technology

Facebook users: Get ready for more changes

NEW YORK (AP)—Facebook is at it again. The social network is tweaking the home pages of its 750 million users, much to the chagrin of some very vocal folks.

The world's largest online social network is expected to announce even more changes on Thursday, when it holds its annual f8 conference in San Francisco for developers who create games and other applications for its site.

The gathering follows a trickle of changes to Facebook in the past few of weeks. Some, such as larger photo displays and a feature that makes it easier to group friends into categories, were met with approval—or at least silence, which in the age of social-media oversharing could well be considered an endorsement.

Then came Wednesday, when many users woke up to find their homepages altered, with what Facebook calls "top stories" on the top of their pages, followed by "recent stories" listed in chronological order. On the right side, meanwhile, there's something called a "ticker," a live feed of all the ongoing activity that also appears in users' news feeds. It's a kind of Facebook inside Facebook, if you will.

By mid-morning, the words "new Facebook" quickly became one of the most discussed topics on Twitter. Many comments were negative, though some pointed out that Facebook makes many changes to its site and people eventually get used to it.

Then there were the jokes. John Kovalic from Madison, Wisconsin poked fun at Netflix's recent public relations fiasco, tweeting: "On the plus side, at least the new Facebook isn't calling itself "Qwikface." (Netflix, for those who missed it, is facing a big backlash from its subscribers because it raised prices and renamed its popular DVD-by-mail service "Qwikster.") Another online critic liked Facebook to a pop star who's addicted to cosmetic surgery.

For its part, Facebook has long asserted that it makes changes to keep users engaged, and that those alterations are often based on user requests. Other tweaks derive from the company's study of activity on Facebook and what it thinks people will enjoy using. Privacy advocates, meanwhile, have contended that Facebook changes its site in order to get people to share as much as possible about their habits, hobbies and likes—all to give advertisers a better picture of who to target.

In reality, it's a little of both. The way Facebook sees it, the more people enjoy using the site, the more time they'll spend there.

The latest changes are "tailored at making sure this news feed is what you want to see," said Mike Schroepfer, vice president of engineering at Facebook.

And, so far, that's been good for business—despite the grumblings of vocal minority of Facebook users. The company is expected to bring in $3.8 billion in worldwide advertising this year and $5.8 billion in 2012, according to research firm eMarketer.

Facebook is well-aware of perhaps the biggest downside of being the world's largest social network: With so many users, pleasing all of them is difficult. Schroepfer said the tweaks to the news feed are meant to appeal to a broad range of people, whether they have 15 friends and log in once a week or 800 and spend four hours a day on the site.

"We want to make sure we provide the right kind of basics to make sure that the core of Facebook is sharing and (seeing) the right kind of things," he said.

IN CELEBRATION OF HER NEW LIFE

Rosita Borja Deleon Guerrero

Better known as "Rose"
was called to her eternal rest on Monday,
September 19, 2011 at the age of 56

In her new life she now joins her:

Mother:	**Trinidad Arriola Borja**
Father:	**Victorino Tudela Borja**
Brother:	**Juan A. Borja**
Father in law:	**Joaquin Cabrera Deleon Guerrero**
Mother in law:	**Consolacion Iglecias Deleon Guerrero**
Brother in law:	**Julian A. Concepcion**
	Herman Pablo
Nephews:	**Joey S. Borja**
	Patrick DLG. Pablo

Her spirit and memories will forever live in the heart of her:

Husband:	**Joaquin (Kilroy) Iglecias Deleon Guerrero**
Children & Spouses:	**Trina & Peter W. Torres, Jr.** (Jaylynn & Keona)
	Kilroy (Champ) B. Deleon Guerrero
	Victoria & Vidal Joseph P. Camacho (Vidal Joseph, Jr., Vayden)
	Joaquin B. Deleon Guerrero Jr.
Sisters & Brothers:	**Victoria B. & †Julian A. Concepcion & Children**
	Lucia B. & Gregory W. Hurst & Children
	Joseph A. & Evelyn S. Borja & Children
	Juan A. & Jessica P. Borja & Children
Sisters & Brothers In-Laws:	**Alfredo I. & Remedios R. Deleon Guerrero & Children**
	Artemio I. & Mercedes SN. Deleon Guerrero & Children
	Delfina DLG. & Mike Sherman & Children (Guam)
	Rosa DLG. & †Herman Pablo & Children (Guam)
	Rita O. & Antonio Rivera (San Diego)
	Jose I. & Susana V. Deleon Guerrero & Children
	Crispin I. & Catherine F. Deleon Guerrero & Children
	Efrain I. & Hilda G. Deleon Guerrero & Children
	Winniefreda DLG. & Felix Mediola & Children (Rota)
	Lorenzo I. & Sinforosa V. Deleon Guerrero & Children
	Begonia I. Deleon Guerrero & Children
	Antonio I. & Lourdes S. Deleon Guerrero & Children
	Jesus I. & Josepha C. Deleon Guerrero & Children
	Juan I. & Viola S. Deleon Guerrero & Children

She is also survived by numerous Aunties, Uncles, Nieces, Nephews, Cousins and Godchildren.

Daily mass of intention will be at 6:00 am and nightly rosary will be at 7:30 pm at Kristo Rai Church.

Last respects and viewing will be held on Tuesday, September 27, 2011. Her remains will be escorted from the Borja Funeral Home to the Santa Soledad Church in Kagman at 7:30 am, followed by the Responso and Holy Rosary. The Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11:00 am, followed by the burial at the CNMI Veteran's Cemetery at Marpi.

Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.

STUMP THE GEEKS

Escaping a Yahoo group

By ANNE KRISHNAN
THE NEWS&OBSERVER (RALEIGH, N.C.)

QUESTION: Several months ago I joined a specific Yahoo group. At first the information I obtained was useful but now I want to unsubscribe from the group and no longer receive the dozens of emails I get each day from it. I have tried every "unsubscribe" link at the site as well as every other link I can find when that didn't work. I have had no success in "unjoining" the group. Any advice as to how I can get the email to stop and leave this group would be greatly appreciated.—K.B., Holly Springs, N.C.

ANSWER: Yahoo groups are handy resources for information sharing (kind of a pre-Facebook Facebook group), but depending on how active they are, they certainly can be more hindrance than help.

First, you have options if you still like the information put out by the group, but just don't want to receive dozens of email messages per day.

Start by logging into Yahoo and going to your group. At the top of the page, over the name of the group, should be a link to "Edit Membership." Click it.

On the next page, scroll down to "Step 2. Message Delivery." Right now, you must have the button clicked for "Individual Email." Instead, pick "Daily Digest." This will compile up to 25 messages into a single daily email.

However, if you still want to unsubscribe, there are a couple of ways to try, in case you haven't already. On the same "Edit Membership" screen, at the bottom of the page, is a button to "Leave Group."

Also on the home page for the group at the bottom should be an email address to unsubscribe.

Finally, if all else fails, click on "Members" on the menu on the left. From there, select the tab for "Moderators." Try emailing a moderator with your request to be removed from the group.

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Q: When I set up my Facebook account, I took advantage of the option to automatically invite all my contacts in my Yahoo account. I now regret accepting that option and can find no way to unlink my Yahoo mail from my Facebook account. Can you help me, please?—S.H., Durham, N.C.

A: Unlink an email address in Facebook by first clicking on "Account" on the top right and then "Account Settings."

The sixth option is "Linked Accounts." If you have set up the accounts to be formally linked, click on "Remove" beside Yahoo to unlink them.

If you want to remove your Yahoo email address from Facebook altogether, the third option under "Account Settings" should be "Email." Click "Edit." From here, you can add another email address and remove your Yahoo account.

Finally, you also can change when Facebook sends email notifications to your Yahoo account. Still in the account settings, look for "Notifications" in the menu on the left. Click on the little envelopes to tell Facebook whether you want to receive email notifying you about changes in each of those categories.

Life & Style

The end of the world: R.E.M. is calling it quits

AP

In this 1994 file photo originally released by Warner Bros. Records, alternative rock band R.E.M., from left, Mike Mills, Michael Stipe, Bill Berry, and Peter Buck are shown when they released their new album "Monster."

NEW YORK (AP)—R.I.P. to R.E.M. The alternative rock group that shook up the music world with its experimental, edgy sound and then earned multiplatinum success and a place in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame announced on its website Wednesday that it has "decided to call it a day as a band."

"A wise man once said—'the skill in attending a party is knowing when it's time to leave.' We built something extraordinary together. We did this thing. And now we're going to walk away from it," frontman Michael Stipe said in a statement on the website.

"I hope our fans realize this wasn't an easy decision; but all things must end, and we wanted to do it right, to do it our way."

The Grammy-winning group, now composed of Stipe, guitarist Peter Buck and bassist Mike Mills, released its debut album "Murmur" in 1983; at the time it was a quartet, with drummer Bill Berry. He left the group in 1997, two years after he suffered symptoms of an aneurysm onstage.

The group got its start in Athens, Ga., coming out of the region's flourishing indie-rock scene. The band was credited for helping launch college radio with songs such as "Radio Free Europe."

Later, the mainstream caught on, and R.E.M. became chart-topping rockers, selling millions of albums with hits like "It's the End of the World as We Know It (And I Feel Fine)," "Losing My Religion" and "Everybody Hurts."

Stipe, the band's chief songwriter, crafted songs that were atypical of the standard rock fare. "Man on the Moon" was about the late comic Andy Kaufman. "Losing My Religion" was not about religion at all, but about trying to relay the feelings of a crush.

The band's videos also became staples on MTV in the 1990s, including the eye-catching "Losing My Religion" and the stark "Everybody Hurts," which had Stipe walking through a highway traffic jam.

R.E.M. became one of the more forceful voices of 1990s rock, and came along around the same time as another rock quartet—U2. But whereas U2 managed to maintain (and even increase) its popularity over the years, R.E.M. stumbled commercially in recent years, and their hits dwindled.

The band continued to create music that resonated with critics and their core group of fans; the group's last album, "Collapse into Now," was released in March and a greatest hits retrospective is in the works.

But Mills said the band was running out of ideas.

"During our last tour, and while making 'Collapse Into Now' and putting together this greatest hits retrospective, we started asking ourselves, 'What next?'" he said. "Working through our music and memories from over three decades was a hell of a journey. We realized that these songs seemed to draw a natural line under the last 31 years of our working together."

Buck said the band parts as "great friends" and thanked fans for their support.

"One of the things that was always so great about being in R.E.M. was the fact that the records and the songs we wrote meant as much to our fans as they did to us," said Buck. "It was, and still is, important to us to do right by you. Being a part of your lives has been an unbelievable gift. Thank you."

Warner Bros. Records chairman and producer Rob Cavallo said, "To call R.E.M. one of the greatest bands in contemporary music is an understatement. They leave behind a body of work whose breadth, honesty, creativity and power has not only inspired millions of fans around the world, but also has influenced—and will continue to influence—generations of songwriters and performers for years to come."

Warner Bros. is releasing the greatest hits retrospective in November.

Tony Bennett says sorry for suggesting US provoked 9/11

NEW YORK (AP)—Tony Bennett apologized Wednesday for suggesting the United States provoked the 9/11 attacks, saying he was only expressing his feelings as a pacifist when he made the comments during an interview on Howard Stern's radio show.

Bennett

"There is simply no excuse for terrorism and the murder of the nearly 3,000 innocent victims of the 9/11 attacks on our country," the 85-year-old crooner said in a written statement. "I am sorry if my statements suggested anything other than an expression of my love for my country, my hope for humanity and my desire for peace throughout the world."

On Monday, Bennett told Stern that the attacks by al-Qaida were linked to U.S. aggression.

"Are we the terrorists? Or are they the terrorists? Two wrongs don't make a right," he said on the show. "They flew the plane in. But we caused it. We were bombing them, and they told us to stop."

Bennett said Wednesday that he was proud to have fought for American values in World War II but had come to deplore violence.

"My life experiences—ranging from the Battle of the Bulge to marching with Martin Luther King—made me a lifelong humanist and pacifist, and reinforced my belief that violence begets violence and that war is the lowest form of human behavior," Bennett said.

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Daily Mass of Intention is being offered at Kristo Rai Church at 6:00am. Holy Rosary is being recited at 7:00 p.m. each evening at their residence in As Teo.

Funeral Services will be held on Wednesday, September 28, 2011. Her remains will be escorted from Nuestra Senora dela Paz Memorial Chapel at 9:00 a.m. to their residence in As Teo. Upon arrival at the residence, Responso Service will take place at 9:30 a.m. followed by Holy Rosary at 10:00 am. Public viewing and last respects will immediately follow.

At 1:30 p.m. Our beloved †Del will be taken to Kristo Rai Church in Garapan for the Mass of Christian Burial which will be celebrated at 2:00pm. Interment services will follow immediately at Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

Please join us in prayers. Thank you – Si Yuus Maase

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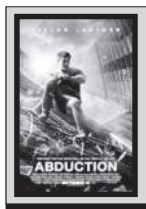

Abduction

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Taylor Lautner, Alfred Molina

Thriller • Rated PG 13

Synopsis

Twilight series star Taylor Lautner stars in director John Singleton's thriller about a teen who finds himself in mortal danger after realizing that his entire childhood has been built on lies. Realizing that the people who raised him aren't his real parents after stumbling across a childhood photo of himself on a website devoted to missing children, the frightened teen flees for his life as FBI agents Frank Burton (Alfred Molina) and Sandra Burns (Antonique Smith) race to protect him and uncover the truth about his mysterious past.

Dolphin Tales

Friday		4:00	7:00	9:30
Saturday	1:00	4:00	7:00	9:30
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Mon thru Thurs		4:00	7:00	

Morgan Freeman, Ashley Judd

Children's/family • Rated PG

Killer Elite

Friday		4:10	7:10	9:45
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Sunday	1:10	4:10	7:10	
Mon thru Thurs		4:10	7:10	

Robert De Niro, Clive Owen, Jason Statham

Action • Rated R

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Straw Dogs

Friday		4:20	7:20	10:00
Saturday	1:20	4:20	7:20	10:00
Sunday	1:20	4:20	7:20	
Mon thru Thurs		4:20	7:20	

James Marsden, Kate Bosworth

Thriller • Rated R

Drive

Friday		4:30	7:30	9:40
Saturday	1:30	4:30	7:30	9:40
Sunday	1:30	4:30	7:30	
Mon thru Thurs		4:30	7:30	

Ryan Gosling, Carey Mulligan

Thriller • Rated R

I Don't Know How She Does It

Friday		7:05	9:35
Saturday		7:05	9:35
Sunday		7:05	
Mon thru Thurs		7:05	

Sarah Jessica Parker, Pierce Brosnan

Comedy • Rated PG 13

Contagion

Friday		4:25	7:25	9:55
Saturday	1:25	4:25	7:25	9:55
Sunday	1:25	4:25	7:25	
Mon thru Thurs		4:25	7:25	

Matt Damon, Marion Cottilard

Action • Rated PG 13

Spy Kids: All The Time In The World

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'New Girl' soars, 'Glee' tanks in ratings for Fox

NEW YORK (AP)—Fox had a classic good news-bad news scenario in Tuesday night's television ratings.

First, the good: Actress Zooey Deschanel's new sitcom, "New Girl," had a strong series debut. The Nielsen Co. said Wednesday that "New Girl" was watched by just over 10.1 million people. It was the most popular show of the night among young viewers.

The sampling on television came despite Fox offering a stream of the first episode on iTunes for the past two weeks. The popular indie film actress Deschanel plays a schoolteacher who moves into an apartment with three single guys after she catches her boyfriend cheating.

The bad news: Initial viewership for the season debut of "Glee" was down 35 percent from its second-season premiere last September. Its audience was 8.9 million on Tuesday, compared to 12.5 million for its season debut last year.

AP

In this Monday, Sept. 12, 2011 file photo, Zooey Deschanel, a cast member in the television series "New Girl," poses at the 7th Annual FOX Fall Eco-Casino Party in Culver City, Calif.

"New Girl" was aired after "Glee" to try to draw some of the established show's audience and wound up outshining it. "Glee" actress Jane Lynch was also host of Sunday's Emmy Awards.

Fox points out that the beginning of last season was the hottest point for "Glee," and its average audience was around 9 million toward the end of last season. Fox said more than a third of the show's fans regularly record "Glee" on their DVRs and watch it later, viewers that aren't picked up immediately by Nielsen's overnight ratings.

The dramatic comedy about a high school glee club features Matthew Morrison as club director, Lynch as the bullying cheerleading coach and Lea Michele as the self-absorbed singing standout.

There was a clear age divide in Tuesday's viewing. Nielsen said CBS' "NCIS," seen by nearly 20 million people in its season debut, had a 25 audience share among people ages 50 and over. That means 25 percent of people in that age group watching TV at the time was tuned in to "NCIS."

The "New Girl" audience share among 50-plus viewers was 5. Even though its audience was half the size of the "NCIS" audience, it had higher ratings among the young demographic that Fox tries hardest to reach.

AFTER CAREER SUCCESS,

Chenoweth is ready for love

NEW YORK (AP)—Broadway? Check. TV? Check. Films? Check. Music? Books? Check those, too.

Professionally speaking, Kristin Chenoweth is at the top of her game. This year alone, in one week, she sang for President Barack Obama, Queen Elizabeth II and Oprah Winfrey, she said in an interview last week with The Associated Press.

Recently added to that list was a performance at the Grand Ole Opry, which Chenoweth said tickled her Southern relatives.

"If I leave my mark on this world, hopefully people will say, `Wow, she did a lot of different things,'" Chenoweth said.

But the one thing the 43-year-old Chenoweth says is missing from her list of accomplishments is finding Mr. Right and settling down.

"I want to be married. I feel finally ready for that," she said. "Possibly (becoming) a mom someday, even if it's to animals. My goals might be different than doing all these amazing career things. I think the next chapter will be focusing more on my personal life."

Chenoweth

On that note, Chenoweth said she can relate to a song by Dolly Parton called "Sacrifice."

"She talks about how much she's given up. She's given up relationships, being home with her family, missing out with her husband, not having a child, all of that I can relate to," Chenoweth said. "So, maybe this second chapter in my life will be different in that way. But, I'll always sing. Whoever that man is, He's got to accept that music is like my arms. I can't live without (them)."

Chenoweth's latest music endeavor is a country music album called "Some Lessons Learned," released last week.

She moved to Nashville for a couple of months to record the album. Chenoweth, who won a Tony in 1999 for "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," said there are similarities between country music and theater.

"They're both story and character driven," she said. "So of course I like both."

Up next for Chenoweth is the TV show "Good Christian Belles." Think: "Desperate Housewives" but in the Bible Belt.

The ABC show, which doesn't yet have a premiere date, is about five Christian women living in Texas.

Chenoweth, a Christian, said there's a misconception about Christianity: "that we don't have any problems, we really judge people harshly." But she said her character is actually the villain on the show.

"She's a very judgmental woman. She stirs it up and then prays for everybody," Chenoweth said. "So these are the characters I grew up with."

Chenoweth also made waves as April Rhodes, a boozy former glee club star on the hit Fox show "Glee." The role earned her two Emmy nominations. If she's invited back and her schedule allows, she said she'd like to reprise the role.

"(The character) is a very fun train wreck. Couldn't be more dissimilar to myself," she said. "And she likes her box of wine. Who can't relate to that?"

Whitney Cummings juggles 2 shows this season

AP

In this Aug. 1, 2011 file photo, Whitney Cummings, star and executive producer of the television series "Whitney," takes part in a panel discussion on the show at the NBC Universal summer press tour in Beverly Hills, Calif.

NEW YORK (AP)—So far, Whitney Cummings is halfway to having a great autumn. She co-created and co-produces the show "2 Broke Girls," which premiered Monday to 19.2 million CBS viewers. What could make this season her best ever is if her eponymous NBC sitcom, of which she is also executive producer, does well, too.

The 29-year-old comedian said she doesn't feel like she's competing with herself so far—especially because they're on different nights, with the CBS show airing Mondays and "Whitney" showing on Thursdays.

"You know, that's funny," she tells the Associated Press.

"I don't really think we're competing, and they're two different shows, although both of them I'm incredibly proud of," she says.

"2 Broke Girls" follows the adventures of two waitresses who meet and become roommates. Her partner behind the show is Michael Patrick King, who also directed and wrote for "Sex and the City."

"I don't think anybody's better at making comedy about women in New York, so I can't wait to watch both of them," Cummings says.

"Whitney" is a relationship ensemble show that has drawn comparisons to "Friends."

"That's a huge compliment," she says.

"The characters on `Friends' were all really funny and had their own thing and were all very specific and fully developed. ... That was always my goal. Each character should be able to have a spinoff show, you know."

Cummings grew up on a steady diet of television and honed her comedic chops by watching sitcoms like "Three's Company" and "The Cosby Show." She's best known for her standup and her appearances on Chelsea Handler's late-night show on E, "Chelsea Lately." She says fans of her comedy will hopefully see it in her character on "Whitney."

"There's no difference between me and my comedy and my character, solely because I'm lazy," she jokes. "It's important people who do know me from my standup recognize me on the show. That's what got me here."

LeBron James honored by Boys & Girls Clubs

WASHINGTON (AP)—LeBron James of the Miami Heat has received the "Champion of Youth" award from the Boys & Girls Clubs of America.

The award was presented to James by actor Denzel Washington, the club's national spokesman. The award recognizes the relationship that the two-time NBA MVP has had with clubs across the country for the past several years.

In a telephone interview, James said he was "humbled" to both receive the honor and spend time with kids, which has been one of his priorities during the ongoing NBA lockout.

"I know I get a lot of headlines for what I do," James said. "But being around these kids these last two days and hearing their stories, I can really relate to them. I was one of those underprivileged kids where people thought we were a statistic and didn't have a way out and would fall into the traps of life and our surroundings. For these kids to have a way out, that's amazing and I'm happy to be a part of it."

James formally received the award Tuesday night. Wednesday, he remained in Washington for more ceremonies and the launch of a new campaign called "Great Futures Start Here." That campaign includes a 1-minute, 45-second public service advertisement directed by Ron Howard and including about 20 BGCA alumni like Shaun White, Shaquille O'Neal, Magic Johnson and Sugar Ray Leonard.

AP

LeBron James of the NBA's Miami Heat basketball team walks through the audience to speak about working with the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2011, on Capitol Hill in Washington.

James does not appear in that ad—it was filmed in June, around the time Miami was in the NBA finals—but is helping promote the campaign.

"We've had this relationship with LeBron for five years," said Frank Sanchez, the clubs' vice president for sports and entertainment. "He believes in the work that we do. He understands the kids and kids' needs. He understands what it's like to grow up in a family with one parent. He understands what it means to grow up in a community that might be in duress. LeBron understands that at his core."

James has remained hopeful throughout the offseason that the lockout would end in time for the 2011-12 season to go on without interruption, and that thinking hasn't changed. James said he and many of his Heat teammates are continuing to work toward getting ready for the season, despite the ongoing uncertainty because of the lack of a new collective bargaining agreement.

NBA training camps are scheduled to open early next month.

Beatles audience pact sells for $23K

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP)—A contract for a 1965 Beatles concert that states the group will not perform before a segregated audience has sold for more than $23,000.

The Nate D. Sanders auction house of Santa Monica says the contract was auctioned in online bidding that closed Tuesday. The buyer's name was not disclosed.

Sanders had expected the contract to fetch $3,000 to $5,000.

The document lays out the terms for the Beatles' 1965 appearance at San Francisco's Cow Palace.

Among other things, it demands that 150 police officers be brought in to provide security.

The year before, the Beatles threatened to cancel a concert at Florida's Gator Bowl after the band learned the audience was to be segregated. Band members agreed to perform only after officials assured them the crowd would be integrated.

Jane Lynch is not sure if she wants to host Emmys again

NEW YORK (AP)—Just days after hosting her first Emmy Awards, actress Jane Lynch says she's not sure she'd do it again.

Lynch said in an interview Wednesday that if she had to decide now, her answer would be no. But she says she had a great time and hadn't felt "that creative and alive in a long time."

Her Emmy performance Sunday received mixed reviews.

Lynch

The actress is promoting her new memoir, "Happy Accidents," and "Glee." Lynch plays glee-club-hating cheerleading coach Sue Sylvester on the hit Fox series, which premiered its third season Tuesday.

Lynch says she's looking forward to spending time with her family now that the Emmys are over. She married Lara Embry last year and is stepmother to Embry's 9-year-old daughter, Haden.

Polanski, Penn the stars of Zurich Film Festival

GENEVA (AP)—Roman Polanski returns to the Zurich Film Festival to accept a lifestime achievement award he was unable to pick up two years ago after being arrested for a decades-old sex-crime case.

The Polish-French director of "Rosemary's Baby" was detained on arrival at Zurich airport in 2009 and subsequently spent months in prison and later house arrest before avoiding extradition to the United States on charges of having sex with a 13-year-old girl in 1977.

Now able to travel unhindered to Switzerland, Polanski, 78, will be presented with the award at a Sept. 27 ceremony that will also feature the world premier of an unnamed documentary, the festival's artistic director said Wednesday.

"It's a very nice conclusion to this difficult time," Karl Spoerri told The Associated Press ahead of Thursday's opening night. "For us it's a sign that he doesn't feel any grudge against the festival. On the contrary, he's looking forward to it and will be coming with a big surprise."

Sean Penn is the festival's other big name guest. The two-time Academy Award winner will receive Zurich's Golden Icon Award on Sept. 28 followed by a screening of a retrospective in honor of the 51-year-old actor, director and producer.

"Sean Penn is one of the great actors of the last ten or twenty years, and he's had a big impact on the new generation," said Spoerri.

The festival in Switzerland's biggest city started in 2005 with a budget of about $500,000. That has now grown tenfold, and over 45,000 visitors are expected to attend the seventh installment that includes ten world premieres and runs through Oct. 2.

Steve Martin gives Eddie Murphy Oscar-hosting tips

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Steve Martin is giving some free advice to Eddie Murphy about hosting the Academy Awards.

The 66-year-old entertainer posted "an open letter" to Murphy on his website Tuesday filled with tips based on Martin's three Oscar-hosting stints.

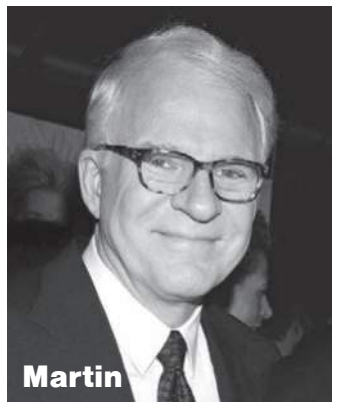
"Whatever you do, don't have a co-host," Martin wrote. He most recently hosted the Oscar show in 2010 with Alec Baldwin. He also advised Murphy to "start slimming down now."

"You looked kind of paunchy in `Norbit,'" Martin said.

"If you feel tired midway through," Martin continued, "give Neil Patrick Harris a Red Bull and throw some sheet music at him."

Martin also urged Murphy to "remember to relax and have a good time while 12,000 live-bloggers rip you to shreds."

Murphy will host the Oscar show on Feb. 26, 2012.



Martin

High in the sky is no place to teach manners

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I am a flight attendant for a major carrier. I encounter rude passengers every single day, as well as people (including children) with no manners. I accept that not everyone will be friendly to me. Some people are not capable of being friendly, and others may be going through personal issues and not realize they're being rude.

I have a colleague, "Joel," who can't get past this. If a passenger doesn't say "please" or "thank you," Joel will respond with, "What do you say?" or, "What's the magic word?" or a sarcastic, "You're welcome!" if a thank-you hasn't been given. I am appalled by this. While I agree that manners are important, I don't feel it's my place to educate our passengers. Joel gets his point across with a rude, condescending tone.

What's your take on this? Is Joel out of line or offering a valuable lesson? How can I voice my objection and tell him he's embarrassing his co-workers, the passengers and himself?

ATTITUDES IN ALTITUDES, IN FLORIDA

DEAR A IN A: From my window seat it appears there may be stormy weather ahead for your co-worker. However, this is a lesson he will have to learn for himself, so stay out of it. One of these days when he asks a passenger what the "magic word" is, someone is going to give him one that can't be printed in a family newspaper. Yes, Joel is out of line, and when enough passengers complain about him to the airline, he will suffer the consequences.

DEAR ABBY: I am an accepting person who can make friends with just about anyone. Among my friends there are some who identify as homosexual. I value their friendship because they are caring, honest and funny— traits I look for in any friend.

My grandparents—whom I am close to—are not so accepting. They have strict beliefs regarding homosexuality. So whenever I want to talk to them about something interesting that happened when I was with my friend and his or her partner, I'll catch myself hesitating. I want to be able to talk to them, but I feel like every time I mention a gay friend it causes tension. Is there a way I can be graceful about this without stirring up bad feelings?

RAINBOW GIRL IN SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

DEAR RAINBOW GIRL: Yes. Ask your grandparents if they'd prefer you tell them all about your activities and whom you spend time with, or if they'd rather you remain silent about your gay friends. Explain that you sense tension when you're open with them, and ask if they'd feel better if you were selective in discussing your life, your friends and your interests. That way the choice will be theirs.

DEAR ABBY: I am a middle-aged man with an older sister who criticizes the way I sneeze. She thinks my sneezing isn't "restrained" enough. It's not a question of direction or whether I put my hand in front of my mouth or not. She believes if I don't try to stifle my sneeze I'm uncouth. In my opinion, sneezing is a natural automatic response and serves to relieve whatever causes it. What do you think?

SOMETHING TO SNEEZE AT

DEAR SOMETHING: I agree with you. And I am not convinced that trying to stifle a sneeze is healthy because it's nature's way of expelling something from the nose that is irritating. Sneeze away, and—God bless you!

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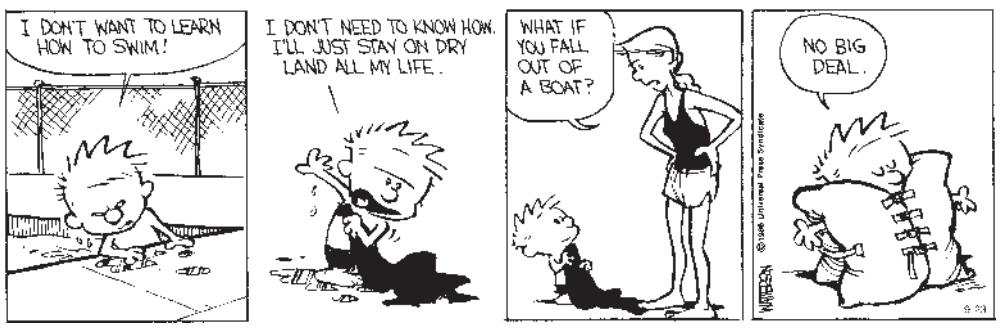
By Bill Waterson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By Jim Davis

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DING-DONG
THERE'S THE DOORBELL... HOLD ON
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HE'S ALREADY THERE, ISN'T HE?
BROUGHT HIS OWN CHOPSTICKS

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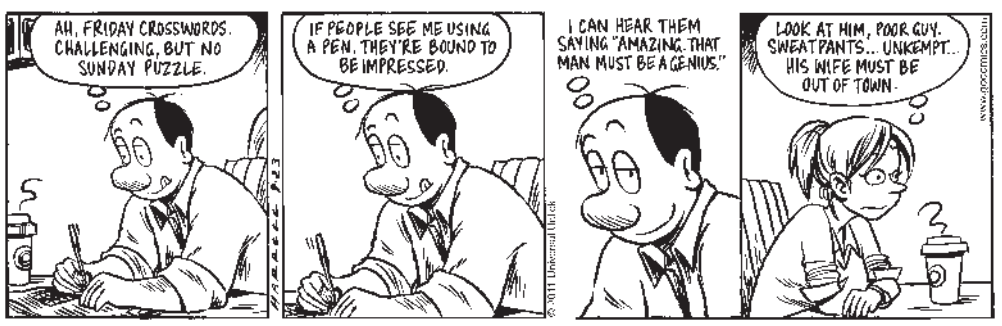
By Bryan Basset


AH, FRIDAY CROSSWORDS. CHALLENGING, BUT NO SUNDAY PUZZLE.
IF PEOPLE SEE ME USING A PEN, THEY'RE BOUND TO BE IMPRESSED.
I CAN HEAR THEM SAYING "AMAZING. THAT MAN MUST BE A GENIUS."
LOOK AT HIM, POOR GUY. SWEATPANTS... UNKEMPT... HIS WIFE MUST BE OUT OF TOWN.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

MY CAR'S MAKING A FUNNY NOISE.
LIKE WHAT?
GRACK! BRIMBRIMBRIM GRACK! CHUKA CHUKA CHUK-KA-PLACK!
THAT'S NOT THAT FUNNY.
LET ME TRY IT WITH A FRENCH ACCENT.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Four qts.
4 One of Hollywood's Wilson brothers
8 Back
12 "I" strain?
13 Exceptional
14 Therefore
15 Affectionate parrot
17 Panorama
18 Tend a text
19 Flexes
20 Smaller map
22 Twosome
24 Benefit
25 Biblical tales
29 Hostel
30 Foe of Rocky and Bullwinkle
31 Eggs
32 Reduced from AAA to AA+
34 Declare
35 Differently
36 Sports venue
37 Place
40 Admitting customers
41 Covers
42 Settee for two
46 Jason's ship
47 Basin accessory
48 Yon maiden
49 Hammerhead part
50 Say it isn't so
51 April 15 payment

DOWN
1 Solidify
2 Past
3 Serenade, often
4 Trip around the world?
5 Tarry
6 Bungle
7 Homer's neighbor
8 Echo, for short
9 Green land?
10 On in years
11 Joins the crew?
16 Paradise
19 Prejudice
20 Footnote abbr.
21 Zilch
22 "Gay" city
23 Saharan
25 Spacecraft compartments
26 Trysting venue
27 Tied
28 Detective writer Paretsky
30 Hairless
33 Cause
34 War god
36 Mimic's forte
37 Rebuff a masher
38 Grow weary
39 Advantage
40 Microwave, e.g.
42 Started
43 Have bills
44 "Eureka!"
45 Cowboy nickname

Solution time: 25 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 9-23

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49				■	50				■	51		

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ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Your spontaneity will aid you in making friends, winning competitions and impressing someone special. You don't have to go overboard; let your charm and talent speak for you. A change of plans will turn out better than anticipated. Love is highlighted. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Don't do anything rash. Think matters through before you make a move. Not everyone will agree with your decision. Do what's best for you, but don't force your will on others. Avoid arguments and overindulgent people. ✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Expect more communication with children, seniors or your peer group. You can make a difference by participating in a worthy cause. Romance is highlighted. You will attract positive attention and the interest of unique individuals. ✪✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Discussing personal matters isn't likely to help. Let the dust settle before you broach sensitive subjects that could result in an unexpected change. Focus on helping others. You will make a difference and impress someone you care about. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Listen to reason and don't overreact. The ease with which you do things will help you avoid trouble. Your energy is high and should be put to good use. Your selflessness will be appreciated and help to raise your profile and your popularity. ✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Money will come to you unexpectedly. Don't be too quick to spend what you receive. There will be underlying circumstances you must deal with. Sit tight until you have all the facts and you have thought matters through to the end. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Nothing will be stable, but it certainly will be interesting. Keep a close watch on others. Your timing is impeccable, but expect someone to challenge your plans. Deal with everyone confidently and you will finish on top. Love is in the stars. ✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Pace yourself. Making changes abruptly can be as bad as not making any at all. Ease your way into your plans so that everyone will have time to adjust. An interesting relationship will develop through networking and offering help. ✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Boost your status. Interact with the competition and change your position. Pursue your goals relentlessly. Challenge anyone who gets in your way and be prepared to go further than anyone else to get what you want. Love is highlighted. ✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Gauge what can and cannot be done before making promises. Know what you are up against. Not everything is in plain view. Someone you thought you could count on is likely to disappoint. You may be put in an unwelcome position. Protect your assets. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): A partnership or joint endeavor can save you money. Consider choices and discuss possibilities. Love is highlighted. Making personal and physical changes will bring compliments. Show effort and pick up new skills for an opportunity to advance. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Retreat and observe. You stand to learn a lot about the people around you. Knowledge can be a powerful tool. Don't shy away from changes. Sometimes you need a nudge in order to start a new adventure. Benefits are apparent. ✪✪✪

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

5		1				3		9
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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 9/23

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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2	3	7	6	5	1	9	8	4
6	9	4	8	3	2	1	5	7

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By DAVID OUELLET

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE, ESTATE OF ENGRACIA ALDAN JOHNSON Deceased.	]]]]	**CIVIL ACTION NO. 11–0195-CV**

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINSTRATION AND NOTICE OF CREDITORS

TO: THE HEIRS, GENERAL PUBLIC AND CREDITORS OF THE DECEDENT OR OF HER ESTATE.

You are hereby notified that on October 4, 2011, at 1:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, at the Superior Court for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Courtroom 202 A, Ruth J. Coleman and Pauline A. Johnson, by and through their attorney, Jesus C. Borja, will petition the above court for an order directing then, as Co-Administratrixes, to proceed with the probate of the Estate of Engracia Aldan Johnson, deceased, and for all other proper orders. All interested parties should appear at this hearing.

All persons having claims against the deceased, or her estate, are hereby required to file their claims with the Clerk of Court within sixty (60) days of the first publication of this notice, or the claim will be barred, pursuant to Rule 11, Commonwealth Rules of Probate Procedure.

A copy of your claim should also be sent to the law office of Jesus C. Borja at the address below:

JESUS C. BORJA
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Hagoi Road, Susupe
Saipan, MP 96950-5889

Dated this 4th day of August 2011.

/s/ Clerk of Court

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Attorney for Plaintiff

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST, Plaintiff,	]]]	**Civil Action No. 11-0078-CV**
vs.	]	**AMENDED SUMMONS**
MICHAEL R. MUNA and MINA L. MUNA, Defendants.	]]]]	

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT MINA L. MUNA:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to file any answer you wish to make to the COMPLAINT within twenty (20) days after service of this AMENDED SUMMONS upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to Robert Tenorio Torres, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950, or as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Court of the above-entitled Court for filing.

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Posada's 2-run single gives Yankees AL East crown

NEW YORK (AP)—Jorge Posada came off the bench and helped the Yankees to yet another first-place finish with a go-ahead single in the eighth inning as New York swept the Tampa Bay Rays by identical 4-2 scores in a day-night doubleheader Wednesday to win the American League East.

Accomplishing most of their regular-season goals with a week to spare, the Yankees earned their 16th playoff berth in 17 seasons by winning the day game behind Robinson Cano's tiebreaking, two-run double in the eighth.

For the Rays, it was a damaging day as they missed a chance to move up on Boston in the AL wild-card race. The Red Sox lost to Baltimore 6-4, but still extended their lead over Tampa Bay to 2 1/2 games. The Los Angeles Angels also are 2 1/2 games behind.

AP

New York Yankees' Jorge Posada, left, celebrates with Mariano Rivera, right, after the Yankees clinched the AL East title with a 4-2 win over the Tampa Bay Rays in the second game of a baseball doubleheader Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2011, in New York.

Orioles 6, Red Sox 4

In Boston, the Red Sox blew another late lead and lost for the 14th time in 18 games, booed by fans at Fenway Park after Vladimir Guerrero and Baltimore rallied.

Despite the loss Boston's lead over Tampa Bay for the AL wild-card spot increased to 2 1/2 games. The Rays were swept by the New York Yankees in a day-night doubleheader.

Ace Josh Beckett took the mound, hoping to put some distance between Boston and the Rays. Beckett (13-6) allowed just one hit through five innings as the Red Sox built a 4-1 lead.

But Beckett allowed a run in the sixth and two more in the seventh on Mark Reynolds' second homer that leveled the game.

Mariners 5, Twins 4

In Minneapolis, Ichiro Suzuki stopped Kevin Slowey's no-hitter with a two-out infield single in the sixth inning and added an RBI double in the seventh, spurring Seattle to a victory in Minnesota, the 11th straight defeat for the Twins.

This is the third-longest losing streak in Minnesota's 51-season history, behind a 14-game skid in 1982 and 13 in a row in 1961, the first year here after the franchise moved from Washington. The Twins (59-95) need two more wins to top their worst finish in Minnesota, 60-102 in 1982.

Brandon League, who escaped a ninth-inning, no-out, bases-loaded situation to preserve the win the night before, gave up a two-out RBI single to Trevor Plouffe before retiring Brian Dinkelman on a roller in front of the plate with two runners on.

White Sox 8, Indians 4

In Cleveland, Mark Buehrle bounced back from a poor outing and pitched six effective innings to lead Chicago past Cleveland.

Buehrle (12-9) gave up two runs and four hits. He had gone 0-3 with an 11.74 ERA in three previous September starts, allowing 33 hits in only 15 1-3 innings.

Buehrle's skid included a career-worst 15 hits in 6 1-3 innings in a 7-2 loss to Kansas City last Thursday. The left-hander left that start after being hit in the left arm by a line drive off the bat of Alcides Escobar.

Alejandro De Aza hit a tie-breaking, two-run single off Ubaldo Jimenez (4-3) in a three-run seventh. Chicago added four runs on three homers off reliever Chad Durbin in the eighth.

Angels 7, Blue Jays 2

In Toronto, Dan Haren's outing ended after he was hit by a line drive on the final out of the eighth inning, and Peter Bourjos and Vernon Wells homered as Los Angeles beat Toronto.

Haren (16-9) was struck on the inside of the left wrist, his non-throwing arm, by Eric Thames' liner. The ball caromed to Maicer Izturis at second base, who threw to first for the third out as Haren fell to the ground in pain. He was able to walk off but headed straight down the tunnel to the clubhouse.

The Angels pulled within 2 1/2 games of the AL wild card-leading Boston Red Sox, who lost to Baltimore moments after Los Angeles wrapped up its win.

Tigers 6, Royals 3

In Kansas City, Missouri, Ramon Santiago drove in the go-ahead run in the eighth inning and Don Kelly added a two-run homer as Detroit beat Kansas City.

Victor Martinez added three RBIs for Detroit. Doug Fister (10-13) yielded two hits over three shutout innings of relief, and Jose Valverde pitched the ninth to remain perfect in 47 save chances.

The Tigers trailed 3-2 in the seventh when Martinez delivered a two-out RBI single off Royals reliever Aaron Crow. The game remained tied until the eighth, when reliever Kelvin Herrera (0-1) made his big league debut and promptly plunked Ryan Raburn, the first Detroit batter he faced.

Santiago came through with his double moments later to give the Tigers the lead, and Kelly added his two-run homer with two outs in the inning to give their bullpen some breathing room.

Rangers 3, Athletics 2

In Oakland, California, Ian Kinsler hit a game-leveling home run to lead off the eighth inning and Josh Hamilton followed with another homer two batters later to lift Texas to a win over Oakland and reduce its magic number to clinch the AL West to three.

Michael Young, Adrian Beltre and Mike Napoli added two hits apiece for Texas, which won its 90th game to match its win total of 2010.

The Rangers maintained their five-game leading over the Angels in the West with seven to go. They can clinch their second straight division title as early as Friday in Arlington when they host Seattle in the beginning of a three-game series.

Diamondbacks 8, Pirates 5

In Phoenix, Miguel Montero had a two-run homer among his three hits as the Arizona Diamondbacks jumped on the Pittsburgh Pirates early in a win that cut their magic number for clinching the National League West to two.

A day after stranding 11 runners in a loss to Pittsburgh, the Diamondbacks put pressure on the Pirates from the start, setting a team record with four stolen bases while scoring three runs off Russ Ohlendorf (1-3) in the first inning.

Arizona added five more runs in the third inning with two-run hits by Aaron Hill and Ryan Roberts, giving Wade Miley (4-2) more than enough run support.

Derrek Lee homered and drove in two runs, and Ryan Ludwick added a solo shot for Pittsburgh, which has lost 10 of 14.

Cardinals 6, Mets 5

In St. Louis, David Freese drove in five runs with a triple and a three-run homer as St. Louis beat New York.

The Cardinals have won four straight and 12 of 14 to move within 1Ω games of Atlanta in the National League wild-card race. St. Louis, a season-high 17 over .500 (86-69), has seven games left and will go for a sweep of the Mets on Thursday.

The Mets fell to 73-82, ensuring the third straight losing season for the big-spending ballclub that has been plagued by injuries and off-field financial woes.

Marlins 4, Braves 0

In Miami, Javier Vazquez allowed only two hits in seven innings Wednesday against his former team as Florida played the spoiler's role by beating Atlanta.

The Braves, who lost for the 13th time in their past 20 games, saw their lead over the St. Louis Cardinals in the NL wild-card race fall to 1 1.2 games. The Cardinals were 10 1/2 games back on Aug. 25.

For the third start in a row, Vazquez (12-11) did not allow a run. He extended his streak of scoreless innings to 25, a Marlins record for a starter.

Leo Nunez walked two in the ninth before retiring Heyward to complete a two-hitter. It was the ninth time the Braves have been shut out.

Cubs 7, Brewers 1

In Chicago, Matt Garza pitched a six-hitter and Marlon Byrd hit a three-run homer as Chicago prolonged Milwaukee's drive to clinch the NL Central, beating the Brewers in the final game at Wrigley Field this season.

The Brewers' magic number for winning the division title and closing out St. Louis remained at three. The Cardinals played the New York Mets on Wednesday night.

Garza (9-10) allowed just an unearned run and struck out 10.

DJ LeMahieu broke a 1-1 tie with two-out, two-run double in the fifth off Randy Wolfe (13-10).

Reds 2, Astros 0

In Cincinnati, Bronson Arroyo pitched a six-hitter as Cincinnati wrapped up its home schedule with a win over Houston.

Miguel Cairo homered as Cincinnati finished 42-39 at Great American Ball Park. The Reds drew 2,213,498 this season, an increase of 152,948 over last year's attendance when they won the NL Central.

The game took only 2 hours, 12 minutes, the fastest of the season for the Reds.

Arroyo (9-12) walked none and struck out two. He needed just 91 pitches in his fourth career shutout and first since beating Washington on Aug. 13, 2009.

Wandy Rodriguez (11-11) took the loss.

Padres 4, Rockies 0

In Denver, rookie Anthony Bass pitched five solid innings to help San Diego complete a rare three-game sweep of Colorado with a win in the last game of the season at Coors Field.

Bass (2-0) cruised through this game, allowing just two hits and throwing an economical 52 pitches before leaving after a leadoff walk in the sixth. Both of his major league wins have now come at Colorado.

Anthony Rizzo and Andy Parrino had RBI singles for the Padres, who earned their first sweep of three or more games in Denver since April 2001.

Heath Bell was summoned in the ninth with runners on first and third and one out. He struck out pinch-hitter Ty Wigginton and Seth Smith to earn his 41st save in 46 chances.

Nationals 7, Phillies 5

In Philadelphia, Danny Espinosa and Wilson Ramos each hit two-run home runs to help Washington send the NL East-champion Philadelphia to its season-worst fifth straight loss.

The Phillies have been in a funk since they clinched their fifth straight division title on Saturday. They've lost five straight games for the first time since May 22-27, 2010. All of the losses have come at home, where the Phillies are tied for the major league lead with 52 victories.

Espinosa's two-run shot in the sixth off Vance Worley (11-3) made it 4-3 as the Nationals continued to give Philadelphia fits. Washington swept a doubleheader on Tuesday and go for the four-game sweep on Thursday.

Giants 8, Dodgers 5

In Los Angeles, Justin Christian had three hits and drove in three runs—all with two outs—as San Francisco beat Los Angeles to keep its slim NL West playoff hopes alive.

Any combination of two Arizona wins and/or Giants' losses would eliminate the defending World Series champions.

Los Angeles had its four-game winning streak ended as it dropped back to .500.

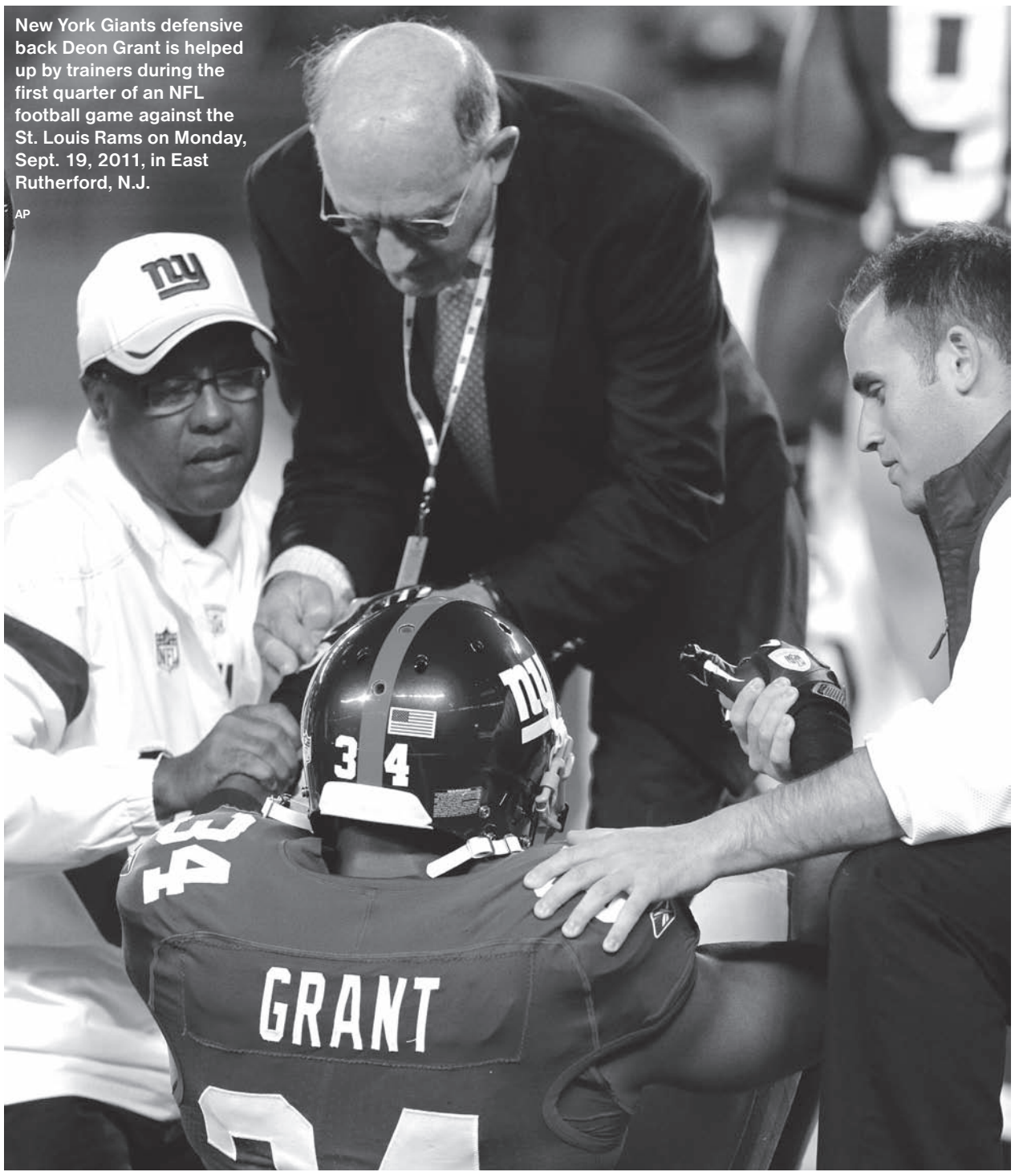
Ryan Vogelsong (12-7) allowed four runs and nine hits in five innings, struck out three and walked one in extending his career-high victory total. The All-Star right-hander has gone 3-6 in his last nine starts after being 9-1 through his first 20 games.

NFL memo warns teams on faking injuries

NEW YORK (AP)—To the fake handoff and fake field goals, add fake injuries. The NFL sent a memo Wednesday to all 32 teams warning of fines, suspensions and loss of draft picks if the league determines players faked injuries during a game. Yet several players admit its an accepted practice, and some coaches hinted they are not above condoning phony injuries if it provides a competitive edge.

"I've been places where it has been (taught)," said Browns linebacker Scott Fujita, a member of the players' union executive committee. "They have a name for it and I've been places where it's been pre-called. I've been places where it's one player who has been designated. Maybe I'm getting everyone in trouble, but I'm just being honest."

In the memo obtained by The Associated Press, the NFL reminded teams of league policy that calls on coaches to discourage the practice. There is no specific rule on the topic.



New York Giants defensive back Deon Grant is helped up by trainers during the first quarter of an NFL football game against the St. Louis Rams on Monday, Sept. 19, 2011, in East Rutherford, N.J.

AP

Nonetheless, two days after there was speculation the Giants' Deon Grant faked an injury against the Rams during Monday night's game, the NFL is warning of disciplinary action.

"It's always been in the game," Ravens All-Pro safety Ed Reed said. "It's all tactical stuff you need to use. Whatever it takes. ... If you're tired, you're tired. You get a break however you can."

Added 49ers running back Frank Gore: "Hey, I feel if it helps, do it. I'm bound to do it. Whatever it takes to win ..."

Rams coach Steve Spagnuolo said Tuesday the team notified the league office that it suspected the Giants were feigning injuries in St. Louis' 28-16 loss. Rams quarterback Sam Bradford said it was obvious the Giants were just buying time with St. Louis running a no-huddle offense.

"They couldn't get subbed, they couldn't line up," Bradford said. "Someone said, 'Someone go down, someone go down,' so someone just went down and grabbed a cramp."

Grant was adamant about not having faked anything.

"I could see if I was walking and fell," he said Wednesday, speaking passionately and barely taking a breath. "When you see after I made that tackle and bang my knee on that play, you see me bending my knee as I am walking. ... (Teammate Justin) Tuck is walking behind me and saying 'D don't run off the field. Just go down.' As I am walking, they line up, and knowing that I can't get back in my position because of the knee injury, I went down."

Had Grant attempted to get off the field, it could have left the Giants a defender short when the ball was snapped. Of course, New York also could have called a timeout, a course of action teams might need to use in the future.

Redskins coach Mike Shanahan was coy about the tactic when asked if he ever instructed a defense to do it.

"I can't say I have," Shanahan said before pausing. "But I won't say I haven't, either."

Then he smiled.

"It happens all the time, and warnings will come out," he added, "and it's happened again."

The memo from the league said:

"Going forward, be advised that should the league office determine that there is reasonable cause, all those suspected of being involved in faking injuries will be summoned promptly to this office ... to discuss the matter. Those found to be violators will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action for conduct detrimental to the game."

The league's competition committee often has discussed this issue but has been reluctant to propose a rule that could force game officials to make judgments on injuries.

"We have been fortunate that teams and players have consistently complied with the spirit of the rule over the years and this has not been an issue for the NFL," the memo said. "We are determined to take all necessary steps to ensure that it does not become an issue."

For the most part, such delay tactics have been considered gamesmanship, similar to a hockey goalie suddenly needing equipment repairs when his team is getting besieged. Or untouched soccer players writhing on the ground in pain to get a stoppage—and to slow momentum built by the other side.

"As an offensive player, you always think guys are faking in that situation," Eagles guard Kyle DeVan said. "But you don't know for sure. You don't know when guys are going to cramp up, so you have to be careful. The most important thing is players' health. You would hope guys don't do it, but it's going to happen."

It might be planned, too.

While calling it "real bush league" - no pun intended—Dolphins running back Reggie Bush said a coach "just designates a guy who fakes an injury. It's usually not a captain of the team. It's a guy who's expendable."

The NFL's disciplinarians will be watching for that.

NBA forward Martin bolts for China

DENVER (AP)—Kenyon Martin becomes the third Denver Nuggets free agent to sign a contract to play basketball in China this season.

Martin's agent, Andy Miller, confirmed to The Associated Press on Wednesday that the 33-year-old forward has agreed to a deal with the Xinjiang Flying Tigers of the Chinese Basketball Association.

By doing so, Martin won't be able to return to play in the NBA if there is a 2011-12 season. Owners have locked out the players in a labor dispute and the league says players won't be able to opt out of their deals to return to the NBA.

Denver starters Ty Lawson and Danilo Gallinari are playing in Europe, but can return if there indeed is a 2011-12 season, Martin will not until the Chinese season ends in March.

J.R. Smith and Wilson Chandler have also elected to play in China, which won't allow NBA players to opt out of their one-year contracts should the lockout end.

Martin's agent, Andy Miller, confirmed to The Associated Press the forward has agreed to a deal with the Flying Tigers. He will join shooting guard Quincy Douby, a former first-round draft pick by the Sacramento Kings.

Martin's signing was first reported by The Denver Post.

"He's looking forward to the opportunity and global expansion of his image/game," Miller wrote in an email. "He's feeling great."

Martin gave the Nuggets an inside toughness last season. But he's been plagued by balky knees throughout his seven seasons in Denver.

The 33-year-old forward missed the first 26 games last season as he recovered from another knee operation. Martin finished strong, averaging 8.6 points and 6.2 rebounds, and even took on some of the leadership responsibilities when Carmelo Anthony was traded to the New York Knicks.

Although it was by no means certain Martin would return to the Nuggets in 2011-12, this will definitely have the team on the lookout for an aggressive rebounder to fill his role.

Not only that, but perimeter shooters are needed to replace Smith and Chandler. Smith signed a one-year deal with a team in Zhejiang, the same province Chandler is heading to but not the same team.

Chandler already is in China and is quickly adjusting to his new surroundings.

On a recent Twitter post, Chandler wrote, "just walked/climbed about 4 or 5 miles on the great wall of china..."

Lawson is electing to play in Lithuania and can return if there's a resolution to the labor strife. Same with Gallinari, who rejoined his former Italian team Olimpia Milano on Tuesday.

Gallinari played for Olimpia from 2005 to 2008 before being drafted sixth overall by the New York Knicks in 2008. The Knicks dealt him to the Nuggets in the blockbuster deal involving Anthony.

Camps had been expected to open Oct. 3 with the regular season beginning in early November. But that could be in jeopardy with the sides still bickering over the salary cap structure.

NBA BRIEFS

Small NBA meeting held, leadership talks Thursday

NEW YORK (AP)—Staff members from the NBA and players' association have met, and top negotiators from both sides will talk Thursday. A small group from each side took part over a few hours Wednesday. On Thursday, Commissioner David Stern, Deputy Commissioner Adam Silver and other top negotiators from the league will meet with executive director Billy Hunter, president Derek Fisher of the Lakers, who was flying overnight to New York, and others from the union. Players and owners are still clashing over the salary cap structure as the lockout that began July 1 reaches an important stage. Training camps expected to open Oct. 3 would likely be postponed without a deal this week.

Lakers' Bryant still mulling playing abroad

SINGAPORE (AP)—Kobe Bryant said that he's still considering playing overseas because an owners' lockout of players threatens to sabotage the upcoming NBA season. The Los Angeles Lakers superstar told The Associated Press on the sidelines of a youth basketball clinic in Singapore that he didn't know if there will be a 2011-12 season and hasn't ruled out playing abroad. "I could," Bryant said Saturday. "I'm playing abroad right now." Bryant said he may join informal workouts with Lakers teammates in the future, but that no such sessions have been scheduled yet. Turkish club Besiktas said in July it was in talks with Bryant's representatives about possibly playing for the team. At least one team in China has also expressed interest in the 33-year-old Bryant, who has won five NBA championships and been an All-Star 13 times. Meanwhile, other NBA players are committing to playing next season in leagues outside the U.S. Denver Nuggets free agents Wilson Chandler and J.R. Smith plan to play in China, Denver's Ty Lawson will play in Lithuania and New Jersey Nets All-Star Deron Williams signed with Turkey's Besiktas. The NBA season usually begins in late October but owners and players have so far failed to agree on a new labor deal. The two sides are at loggerheads over how to divide the league's revenue, a salary cap structure and the length of guaranteed contracts, and have made no significant progress in talks to end the lockout.

3-on-3 caging for Prostate Cancer Awareness set tomorrow

In an effort to promote prostate cancer awareness, the Department of Public Health, in conjunction with the Masters Basketball Federation of the NMI, is hosting the 2011 Prostate Cancer Awareness 35A 3-On-3 Masters Basketball Tournament tomorrow afternoon starting at 5pm.

So far 10 teams made up of six players each have signed on to participate in this free event that is open to all players age 35 or older. The current teams include Konflikt, Mobil, It's Just A Game!, Da Legends, Da Real Deal!, Blue Haus, Why Me?, Satbahi's, Who's Next, and Below the Rim.

T-shirts and other prizes will be handed out to participants.

Teams on the expected waiting list are urged to show up at 4pm in the event that registered teams do not show. Players are also encouraged to bring water.

"We are inviting the public to support this worthy cause and encourage all men near the age of 40 or above to make sure they see their doctor for a check up," said tournament coordinator Ando Benavente in an email yesterday.

This year's DPH slogan has been labeled, "Real men get their facts!"

Prostate cancer tends to develop in men over the age of 50, and although it is one of the most prevalent forms of cancer often times the symptoms are not detected. Prostate cancer usually progresses very slowly and many factors, including genetics and diet, contribute to its development.

Exercise and a healthy diet can help prevent its development as well as medication.

Prostate cancer has also been known to spread to other parts of the body, particularly in bones and lymph nodes.

It is recommended for men above the age of 40 undergo routine check ups whether through a biopsy or screening for early detection of the disease.

Although its cause is unknown men with first-degree family members that have contracted prostate cancer are twice as likely to come down with it. Men with high blood pressure are also more likely to develop prostate cancer.

In related news, the anticipated MBFNMI season is expected to start later this year, but organizers are still finalizing a venue for its games. ***(Walter Cepeda Sutherland)***

General membership meeting set on Oct. 8

The Saipan Little League Baseball, Inc. will be holding a general membership meeting on Oct. 8 at 9am at the pavilion inside the Oleai Sports Complex.

Managers, coaches, parents, and interested individuals are invited to join the assembly.

Election of officers for the 2012 season is expected to take place at the meeting. ***(SLLBI)***

MERCHANT

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than he's worth Saturday night by buying the pay-per-view for his fight with Victor Ortiz had to be cheering at home. They finally got some value out of the $69.95 Mayweather cost them on the night.

It took an octogenarian to deliver it. But the bully finally got his.

"I was just trying to get him to tell his side of the story, but something kicked in and he attacked me personally," Merchant said. "And I combusted."

The result was probably the most memorable line of a ringside reporting career that began 34 years ago for the former newspaper columnist and author. It quickly went viral online, so much so that Merchant was met by a TMZ camera crew at a Los Angeles airport the next morning on his return from Las Vegas.

"At the moment I meant it," Merchant said. "Later when we were summing up I said I couldn't have kicked his ass, but I would have tried."

No one watching could have blamed Merchant for that. Announcers are conditioned to take some abuse in the heat of the moment, but Mayweather was in Merchant's face, screaming profanities at him and telling him he should be fired when he decided that enough was enough.

It wasn't as if Merchant had been badgering Mayweather with tough questions about, say, the felony charges pending against him for an altercation with the mother of his children. He was simply trying to find out why Mayweather had just ended the fight with two punches that were technically legal but very questionable.

"I invite anybody to see it," Merchant said from his home in Southern California. "I'm just trying to get him to tell his side of the story. I'm not there to arbitrate the controversy and decide who is right or wrong."

It was a classic live TV moment, made even better when Merchant turned toward the camera after challenging Mayweather and flashed a bemused smile. By that time Mayweather and his entourage were climbing out of the ring, on their way to a press conference even more bizarre where the boxer ranted about the many things that irritate him in life.

You wouldn't think someone who makes $30 million or so a fight would have a lot of irritations. Mayweather does, and he's not shy about expressing them.

Topping the list is his feeling that the media doesn't give him his due as the greatest fighter ever. Near the top of that list is that he feels Merchant is among those who won't bow to his greatness.

"I just want to get a fair shake," Mayweather complained. "He still needs to be fired. I still don't get the props I believe I deserve."

The truth is, Merchant doesn't need to be fired. If anything, he needs a contract extension for the fine work he always does in the ring under conditions that are not always ideal.

Unlike most in his business, he asks questions that go beyond the maddening "Talk about the game" kind of stuff that is guaranteed not to elicit any useful information. His questions are somewhat halting and often meandering, but that's part of the charm of watching Merchant at work.

He knows the sport better than most, and can analyze a fight with the best. Unlike some other prominent broadcasters, he's part of the show but doesn't make himself the show.

Until Saturday night, that is.

That's when Mayweather made it personal. That's when Merchant decided he had enough.

He took a stand on a public stage. He put the bully in his place, and he did what 42 opponents in the ring haven't done—shut Money Mayweather up.

He's not bragging about it. But he's not sorry about it, either.

"Trust me, the thought never occurred to me before that to fight anyone," Merchant said. "Much less Floyd Mayweather Jr."

Too bad. That might be one pay-per-view actually worth buying.

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more to CNMI baseball. They have the talent, aggressiveness, and the dedication to help the CNMI reign in the Micro Games, Mini Games, and Pacific Games," said Delos Santos, who also donned the colors of the CNMI in the 2002 and 2006 Micro Games in Pohnpei and Saipan, respectively.

"I missed the 2010 Micro Games in Palau as I had to go to the mainland. I returned to Saipan early this year and I am proud to be back to the team and be part of the gold medal squad. We veterans provided leadership for the team, while the young guns did those hustle plays and big pitches and saves. We had a good mix of veterans and young players. We jelled well," Delos Santos said.

Other veterans on the team were Manny Sablan, Craig Sanchez, Byron Kaipat, Keoni Lizama, and Franco Flores. Also on the squad are U20 players Joshua Jones, Juan Maratita, Eric Tenorio, Ian Rogolifoi, Mike Iguel, Vince Cepeda, Elton Santos, Jesus Iguel, Tyrone Omar, Franco Flores, and Thomas Joab. Most of the young players in the CNMI lineup played in the Big League.

"These young players are the future," Delos Santos added in an interview during the team's celebration for their gold medal win last Wednesday night at the Minatchom Atdao Pavilion.

The team's celebration was capped by an awards ceremony with the Rotary Club of Saipan presenting each member of the team and manager Tony Rogolifoi and Saipan Major League president Rose Igitol a certificate of recognition for their outstanding performance in the Pacific Games.

"All our hard work paid off when we returned with the gold medal. We played as one unit in New Caledonia, everybody gave their share in the win," said Santos, who didn't mind playing second fiddle to ace pitcher Jones.

"As long as we win, it does not matter if Josh gets to play in most innings in the crucial games. We're there to support each other and when it was our chance to play, we went all out," said Santos, who had 10 strikeouts in their elimination game against New Caledonia.

Tenorio, who played outfield, added that besides teamwork, discipline was also another factor in their victory.

"Right after the game, we we're not allowed to go out. We went to the games and practices, ate, and returned to the Athletes Village. We slept early and focused on each game," Tenorio said.

"Our young players follow our manager and coach's instructions. They knew what it takes to win games and championships and if they will continue to do that, have the discipline and will to win, more glories await CNMI baseball," said Delos Santos.

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weekend's games. The leading duo needs to win over Guintu and Toshiko Obata, Aguda and Lot Abuel, and Robert Reyes and Malasarte to march into the finals immediately.

If Bandoja and Cho fail to sweep the elimination games in the lower A division, they will still advance to the playoffs, joining three other teams. Arago and Annette Quiambao (4-1), Reyes and Malasarte (4-1), and Guintu and Obata (3-1) are likely to join Bandoja and Choi to the next round.

In the mixed doubles 40-and-above, which is divided into two groups, Guintu and Oh In Sook and Lito Mendoza and Anna Alvarez are unbeaten in three games, boosting their chances for the automatic finals berth in Pool A. If no team sweeps Pool A games, the Top 2 squads in the group will move into the crossover semis. If the top team sweeps the pool, the next two squads will still make it to the next round.

In Pool B, the tandem of Diola and Choi is the only team that has a chance for the outright finals ticket with its 5-0 slate. Vic Regis and Annarose Omori (5-2) and Reyes and Elma Labuson (4-1) are still in contention for the Top 2 seats in the group.

In the mixed doubles BB, Bandoja and Sook are a win away from sweeping Pool A and making it to the finals as they now own a 7-0 mark. The duo plays Saul Gargallo and Quiambao (4-1) in its last elimination game this weekend.

In Pool B, all teams have already tasted defeat, but only three have a chance to march into the next round. The list includes Oh Imbog and Obata (6-1), siblings Wowie Abuel and Lani Bartolome (6-1), and Chris Hilario and Annette Ta (5-1).

In the mixed doubles CC, three teams are tied for first place with similar 5-1 records. They are Brandon Talania and Wendy Fernandez, Luis Camacho and Elna Curate, and Nani and Roma Barlao. There is also a three-way tie for first place in Pool B with Kanata Omori and Cleofe Santos, Jerome Malasarte and Cris Obaldo, and Joel Ortega and Kim Boranah holding identical 5-1 slates. Organizers have yet to inform *Saipan Tribune* how the deadlocks will be broken to get the Top 2 placers in each pool.

Elimination games will be completed this weekend, while playoff matches are set for next week.

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years ago with Niue leading the medal board with its 32-26-20 gold-silver-bronze tally. Rounding out the Top 3 were the Federated States of Micronesia (23-21-21) and Tahiti (21-22-16).

The CNMI's participation in the 9th Pacific Mini Games is expected to be discussed in the October meeting of the Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association

The eight sports in the calendar of events for the 9th Pacific Mini Games were approved during the General Assembly of the Pacific Games Council early this month in Noumea, New Caledonia.

Wallis & Futuna, which unanimously won the hosting rights for the 2013 Mini Games during the Pacific Games Council General Assembly in Apia in September 2007, will run the competition from Sept. 2 to 12.

Athletes rep to council selected

Meanwhile, the election of athletes representative to the executive board of the Pacific Games Council also took place in New Caledonia early this month.

Around 900 athletes participated in the election with Fiji swimmer Carl Probert winning the contest over fellow swimmer Diane Bui-Duyet of New Caledonia and table tennis player Anolyn Lulu of Vanuatu.

The winner of the election was announced during the closing ceremony of the 2011 Pacific Games on Sept. 15 with no less than council president Vidhya Lakhan of Fiji calling Proberts' name.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-New York	95	60	.613	–
Boston	88	68	.564	7 1/2
Tampa Bay	85	70	.548	10
Toronto	78	77	.503	17
Baltimore	65	90	.419	30

Central Division

x-Detroit	90	65	.581	–
Cleveland	76	78	.494	13 1/2
Chicago	76	79	.490	14
Kansas City	68	88	.436	22 1/2
Minnesota	59	95	.383	30 1/2

West Division

Texas	90	65	.581	–
Los Angeles	85	70	.548	5
Oakland	69	86	.445	21
Seattle	66	89	.426	24

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

x-Philadelphia	98	57	.632	–
Atlanta	88	68	.564	10 1/2
Washington	75	79	.487	22 1/2
New York	73	82	.471	25
Florida	71	85	.455	27 1/2

Central Division

Milwaukee	91	65	.583	–
St. Louis	86	69	.555	4 1/2
Cincinnati	76	80	.487	15
Chicago	69	87	.442	22
Pittsburgh	69	87	.442	22
Houston	53	102	.342	37 1/2

West Division

Arizona	90	66	.577	–
San Francisco	84	71	.542	5 1/2
Los Angeles	77	77	.500	12
Colorado	70	85	.452	19 1/2
San Diego	68	88	.436	22

x-clinched division

Yesterday's Games

Cincinnati 2, Houston 0
Chicago Cubs 7, Milwaukee 1
San Diego 4, Colorado 0
Arizona 8, Pittsburgh 5
Washington 7, Philadelphia 5
Florida 4, Atlanta 0
St. Louis 6, N.Y. Mets 5
San Francisco 8, L.A. Dodgers 5
N.Y. Yankees 4, Tampa Bay 2, 1st game
Chicago White Sox 8, Cleveland 4
N.Y. Yankees 4, Tampa Bay 2, 2nd game
L.A. Angels 7, Toronto 2
Baltimore 6, Boston 4
Detroit 6, Kansas City 3
Seattle 5, Minnesota 4
Texas 3, Oakland 2

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rota Blue Triathlon on Nov. 12

The Marianas Visitors Authority, Kiyokazu Fitness Club of Japan, and the Rota Mayor's Office are preparing to receive an international contingent of athletes for the 18th Annual Rota Blue Triathlon on Nov. 12, 2011.

Triathletes from Saipan, Tinian, Rota, Guam, and Japan are expected to take part in the annual event.

The triathlon features two distances: an A-type half marathon distance, which includes a 1.5-kilometer swim, followed by a 40-km rigorous biking course, and a 10-km run (no time limit); and the B-type Olympic distance, which includes a 2-km swim, followed by a 90-km biking course, and topped off with a 21-km run (eight-hour time limit).

For team competitors, there will also be triathlon of the A-type distance, again with no time limit.

Starting time for both distances is 6:30am at Rota's East Harbor. Wetsuits are permitted, while bike helmets are required. Registration fees are $80 for A-type course solo competitors and $70 for each member in a team. The fee for the B-type course is $100. The entry fee includes and event t-shirt, high-quality swim cap, and an invitation to the awards banquet at East Harbor.

Pre- registration will be held on Nov. 11, 2011, from 11am to 12:30pm at the Bay Breeze Restaurant & Bar. The swim course inspection will be held the same day from 1pm to 2pm at the East Harbor.

MVA

The Rota Blue Triathlon starts bright and early with the swim portion of the multi-discipline race at Rota's East Harbor.

Final registration will take place that evening from 4:30pm to 8pm at Rota Resort & Country Club's Sunset BBQ Tiki Tiki. The pre-race briefing for all participants will be held that evening from 6pm to 7:30pm. The awards banquet will be held after the race at 6:30pm at East Harbor.

"Participation increases yearly because of the friendly environment the people of Rota create for our visitors," said MVA Community Projects manager Martin Duenas. "Rota is beginning to enjoy some notoriety as a prime travel destination," he added, noting that the event benefits everyone in Rota, especially the business community.

The mayor also stated that a majority of the athletes visiting the island because of the triathlon show strong interest in returning.

The Rota Blue Triathlon is an annual signature event of the MVA, aimed at attracting visitors to the southern-most island in the Northern Mariana Islands chain. The annual event is widely anticipated by and supported by the local community.

For more information about the annual triathlon, contact Frank Tudela at 664-3200/01 or ftudela@mymarianas.com, or contact Sandra Atalig at the MVA Rota office at 532-0327. ***(PR)***

'Bike for Life' returns Sunday

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Pacific Islands Club Saipan will have its second "Bike for Life" race of the year this Sunday.

"Bike For Life" is back after its first race five months ago and this time there will be two courses. Besides the regular 50-kilometer course, PIC is also offering a 30-km race. The shorter course will start and end at the southern parking lot of PIC with bikers heading south first, cruising along the airport road, heading up to San Vicente, going down Capital Hill, and then back to PIC through Beach Road.

The 50-km race will have the same route, but before heading down Capital Hill, riders will go straight to Kagman and then pedal all the way to the tricky road leading to the Kingfisher Golf Links.

Bikers can use either their MTB or road bikes in the 50-km race, while the 30-km is only for MTB riders. The top finishers in each division will receive $50 cash. Raffle prizes also await bikers.

Entrance fee is only $12 and the registration and race will start at 5:30am and 6:30am, respectively.

This weekend's race aims to raise funds for the fight against cancer, while riders will use the event to prepare for the Hell of the Marianas in December and other future competitions.

XTERRA World-bound Butch Sublemente and Mieko Carey are the bikers to watch in the "Bike for Life." Sublemente ruled the previous "Bike for Life," timing in at 2:00:21 in the 50-km race and beating Nap Dizon (2:00:34) and Noel Altamirano (2:03:41).

More than 40 riders joined the April race, but only 30 completed the course.

Carey missed the first "Bike for Life" event of the year, but ruled several women's division races after that. Last month, she joined Sublemente's fundraiser, while the latter topped Carey's own fundraising race last weekend.

Both Carey and Sublemente are using the series of local races to prepare for next month's XTERRA World Championship in Maui, Hawaii. Carey is entered in the pro division, while Sublemente is joining the 35 to 39 age group and is hoping to turn pro next year.

For more information about "Bike for Life," contact Rommel Bartolo at 234-79-76, extension 5189.

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Bikers, seen her cruising along Marpi during a local race last month, are hitting the road again this Sunday for the PIC "Bike for Life."

Kim is CWGA's September winner

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Mio Kim topped a field of 15 and was crowned winner of the CNMI Women's Golf Association's September tournament held last Sept. 10 at Coral Ocean Point Golf Resort.

Kim managed a pair of 42s on the front and back nines to gross an 84, which adjusted out to a 72 net score.

Runner-up Chang Eun Ae was even with Kim at the turn, but ran into some trouble on the back and finished with a 46 on the back for a gross count of 88. Her handicap put her again even with Kim at a net 72 in the end, but the latter was awarded the top prize.

Last season's overall points winner, Shiori Onoue, rounded out the third spot with a solid gross count of 81.

Onoue hit the turn with a 40 and signed a 41 on the back and ended up with a 75 net tally. Masayo Miyamoto signed an 83 after her 18 holes to also finish with a 75 net score, but Onoue's handicap served as the tiebreaker.

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CNMI Women's Golf Association members pose for a group photo during their September tournament held last Sept. 10 at Coral Ocean Point Golf Resort.

Notably, Onoue and Noriko Togawa turned in a day's best of 81 gross cards, however Togawa had to settle for a ninth place finish.

According to those in attendance the course conditions were very nice, although it was a little hot out in the sun.

CWGA's next event is scheduled for Oct. 8 at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort's west course.

Kim joins past aces Young In Jeon (May), Sun Suk Kim (June), Miyamoto (July), and Togawa (August).

The CWGA utilizes a standard net score format, where a predetermined point system is tallied during the season.

First place is awarded 15 points, 14 for second, and so on down through the Top 10 place finishers, and the rest receive a point for participation.

Established in March 2007, CWGA is a nonprofit organization founded to promote, encourage, and introduce women to the sport of golf in the CNMI. The group plays once a month leading up to its finale two-day event in April.

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Back-to-back for Soriano

Jerry Soriano was on a roll in the VFW Post 3457 9-Ball Tournament, ruling the first two weekly qualifiers held at the Garapan bar.

In the first Saturday of the month, Soriano prevailed against Chester Cuento in the finals and then defeated Eugene Borja the following week for back-to-back victories. VFW Post 3457 holds weekly competitions with winners advancing to the "Battle of Champions" that will take place after 15 qualifying weeks.

In the Sept. 3 qualifier, Soriano went unbeaten. His first victim was Joseph Achas and then he topped Mike Pangelinan to advance to the quarterfinals. Soriano won anew in the Round of 8 and then downed Cuento in the semis to book the first finals ticket.

Cuento dropped to the loser's bracket and had to triumph over Simon Kapileo to earn a rematch against Soriano. Kapileo settled for third place and $20 cash prize. Soriano and Cuento went home with $50 and $30, respectively.

Soriano added $45 to his pocket when he was victorious in the Sept. 10 qualifier. This time, he moved out of the loser's bracket to top the nine-player qualifier.

Soriano started his bid for back-to-back wins with a victory over Didi in the first round. Next up for Soriano was Borja, who pulled off an upset to advance to the semifinals. In the semis, Borja extended his streak after defeating Jimmy Wang. Both Wang and Soriano fell to the loser's bracket with the latter winning over Jorge Pangelinan and the former to arrange a rematch against Borja.

In the finals, Soriano avenged his earlier loss to Borja to notch his second straight win of the month. ***(Roselyn B. Monroyo)***

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Bright future ahead for CNMI baseball

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The 2011 Pacific Games conquest in New Caledonia is just one of the many good things the CNMI will accomplish with its promising pool of youth baseball players.

Jerome Delos Santos, one of the few veterans on the CNMI Team that won the gold medal in the 2011 Pacific Games, said his young teammates are the future of baseball in the Commonwealth and with support from both the government and private sectors, proper training, and discipline, they will continue to dominate the sport in the region.

"Most of my teammates are in their early 20s and some are under 20 so they have a lot of playing years to come and they could bring

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Members and officials of the CNMI Baseball Team pose for a group photo during a celebration of their gold medal win against Guam, 8-4, in the 2011 Pacific Games in New Caledonia last Wednesday night at the Minatchom Atdao pavilion.

Ito, Galvez make Shirley's Classic finals

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Angie Ito and Andrew Galvez took the short route to the finals of the mixed doubles AA division of the 2011 Shirley's Badminton Classic after sweeping their elimination round games at the TSL Sports Complex.

Galvez and Ito won their last match in the group last Wednesday, beating Malou Malasarte and Hapi Gabriel to finish the round-robin play with a perfect 7-0 win-loss record and notch the first finals seat. Under tournament rules, the pair to sweep its elimination game automatically advances to the championship game.

The next three finishers will battle for the remaining finals berth. Dick Guintu and Hannah Choi (4-1), Ferdie Arago and Lani Bartolome (4-2), Macoi Aguda and Marlene Peraja (2-2), and Gerry Hibi and Annarose Omori (3-3) are among those fighting for the three remaining playoff spots. Mario Diola (0-6), Gabriel and Malasarte (2-4), and Edwin Montoya and Cheng Saturno (1-5) are already eliminated.

In the mixed doubles lower A, only Gary Bandoja and Choi have the chance to gain an outright finals ticket, as they hold a 5-0 card, heading into this

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8 sports in 2013 Mini Games

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Triathlete Joshua Manglona carries the CNMI flag during the opening ceremony for the 2009 Pacific Mini Games in Rarotonga, Cook Islands.

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Only eight sports will be played in the 9th Pacific Mini Games that Wallis & Futuna will be hosting in 2013.

The list includes athletics, beach volleyball, Rugby 7s, sailing, taekwondo, va'a (canoe racing), volleyball, and weightlifting. Of these eight sports, only four are played in the CNMI—athletics, beach volleyball, canoe, and volleyball. However, only athletics and beach volleyball had been sending representatives in previous off-island competitions in the past years.

In the 8th Mini Games in Rarotonga, Cook Islands, the Commonwealth sent only two athletes in triathlon's Joshua Manglona and golf's Jess Wabol. Fifteen sports were featured in the Mini Games two

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Merchant delivers knockout to Mayweather

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Larry Merchant wasn't quite sure he'd be able to say anything on fight night, much less what came out of his mouth. A case of Vegas throat, an affliction cursed by entertainers in this gambling city for years, had left him nearly mute.

A visit with the doctor gave him his voice back, and for that boxing fans everywhere should be grateful.

Microphone in hand, Merchant delivered the knockout of the night.

"I wish I was 50 years younger," Merchant told Floyd Mayweather Jr., "I'd kick your ass."

Not the kind of line you hear from a television sports announcer, even one working on HBO. Certainly not the kind of line you'd expect from an 80-year-old who only ventures into the ring to talk to people, not hit them.

But those who helped make Mayweather way more millions

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